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A Pipe-Rack in Pyrography

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THERON KINGCLIFF had had his affair of the heart which for a time had left that organ in a badly damaged condition, but after a conventional knocking about over seas for a year or two, he pronounced himself not only cured but immune from further dangers in that direction.

The little remembrances bestowed upon him by his whilom fiancée, which of course he had vowed to keep forever, had been dropped piecemeal on his journeyings. A little grimacing idol of ivory which had served him long as a paper-weight, gazed upon, yearned over and mayhap bedimmed with a tear, was the first to go. That found a watery grave in mid-Atlantic.

A bunch of withered violets went to sweeten the Strait of Dover. A glove bearing still the dimpled impress of a hand which had once been to him the utmost prize that life could bring, went, not without some tender twinges, to feed the fishes in the North Sea. A ribbon blue as her eyes floated from his reluctant hand down the Danube. A tiny miniature whose last reproachful glance haunted him for many a day, went as a sample of beauty to the mermaids off the coast of the Canaries.

One trophy only remained. This was a pipe-rack so ingeniously hinged, that it could be folded together and packed flat; and for that reason—that only of course—it always accompanied its owner on his travels; but while it was supposed to lie low at the bottom of steamer-trunk or dressing-case, as a matter of fact it had a trick of coming to the surface unexpectedly and persistently, especially on stormy days when time hung heavy and environments were conducive to nostalgia.

Now the little lady-love who had so completely "done" Theron Kingcliff out of his heart and all faith in her sex, was a rather clever pyrographer; and being withal a genius, had contrived to put a great deal of fine work and sentiment into what was originally a very simple affair.

A section of a very German-student-ish pipe was sketched in one corner of the rack. Uprising rings of smoke in the soft brown sepia tints peculiar to the art, proved a sufficiently decorative scheme. So much was patent; but in the smoke clouds, a profile—Theron's own,—very fine and very nebulous, might by close scrutiny be discerned; and every one of those floating feathery rings framed a tiny scene, fine and filmy and one of a series, which told to these two, more than was discoverable to the casual observer. Something in this wise the series ran.

1. Shady nook, man fishing. 2. Girl in boat with water lilies, reading. 3. Fish-hook entangled in girl's hair. 4. Fisherman disengaging hook. 5. Two walking down forest aisle, man carrying string of fish, girl water-lilies. 6. Two seated on veranda. 7. Two in boat; girl reading, man resting. 8. Two on rustic seat in forest; man kissing girl's hand. So the story ran, suggested rather than depicted by the daintiest touches of the pyrographer's pencil.

When the artist had devised this fetching affair they had gone back in memory together for the first series,

and from their later "good times" had worked out the remaining ones.

Cosy corner in library, books, mandolin. Rustic bridge in park. Section of piazza, vine-hung and hammock-swung. Tiny tea-table set for two. A golf-links. A flight of doves. An oriel window framing Rosylind's face. A bit of a Japanese curio shop where once they had met by accident and spent an idyllic half hour. A bunch of cat-tails commemorating a lake trip. Bow and arrows and a tepee emblematic of a visit to Indian lodge etc. etc.

These and such as these were the scenes "perpetuated by the poker," all strung on the sweetest thread of reminiscence, for each marked a progressive step in their love story. Here upon one side ran the smoke-rings but these were blank; left to be filled with other "good times;" the series to conclude at last with a view of their own wedding party; this had been the culminating point of their plans but alas! a break had occurred in their love story and since then no record had been made upon that receptive background. While apparently finished, it was historically as well as artistically incomplete.

Now Theron sat with the rack before him glowering at it in a rage. He did not know what to do with it. He had preserved it from the general destruction of mementos, because he thought it too fine a thing to destroy. He was in a dilemma. Like the man who had saved the name-plate of his wife's coffin, he found there was no proper place on earth for it.

Artistically the rack was a rare bit of work even without the key which revealed its ambushed beauty, but then (this was on the homeward voyage,)—what good was it? he never smoked; Rosylind knew this. How could girls be so absurd! No girl, anyhow of the highest order, would make a man a gift which would tend to encourage directly or indirectly a vice, and as for sentiment, that had passed long ago. Clearly however, he could not consign this to the deep. It might drift to shore. Devoid of sentiment as he was on the subject, Theron could not fancy the idea of Rosylind's work falling into alien or unappreciative hands, and yet—pshaw! there was nothing left to be done with it but push it overboard (as she had done him,) and let it become a part of the flotsam and jetsam of the sea. He had vowed to divest himself of every trace of sentiment in that direction before he set foot again upon his native shore. They were nearing port now. He must decide. A man must at all events be strong. He must not be mastered to his hurt by a mere sentiment. So at length with resolute hand this last souvenir was sent over the rail, Theron would have vowed, unregretted.

Undeniably Theron Kingcliff had been pretty badly

cut up by his lady-love's defection; and in truth he felt that to face his world again would be too much of a trial. So he turned aside from his old haunts and betook himself to an old historic shore town which lay quite outside the later track of travel. Here he established himself in comfortable bachelor quarters in a fine old colonial mansion which had spread its hospitable roof-tree over some branch of his family for many a generation. The grounds had been laid out on a large and liberal plan which would have delighted the heart of Lord Bacon; and each succeeding generation into whose hands the property had fallen, had taken care to preserve its original features as well as to add some happy fancy or quaint conceit to the already interesting grounds.

It was a veritable paradise. The roses were bursting into bloom all about in such luxuriant profusion as may only be found in thrifty long established grounds, where old favorites run riot upon the walls and climb to roof and cornice, and the newer sorts blithe and well nurtured, dispute possession with the old.

Theron one day, was strolling hither and thither, lost in the beauty of it all, when turning a bend in the walk which would past some screening shrubbery he came upon a picture which enthralled him.

A grey stone wall which divided his garden from the adjoining grounds glistened and gleamed in softened beauty through the meshes of the Ampelopsis Veitchii with which it was heavily draped. Bordering the wall was a great expanse of Sweet Peas. The gardener must surely have sown with lavish hands to have massed so much of blossoming beauty there. Sweet Peas? There were bushels,—no, rods and rods—one had almost said,—acres of them, dancing in their delicate beauty like so many hovering particolored butterflies in the vivifying sunshine. And there in the midst of them stood a little child, clad only in some thin beruffled garment of white which left to the kisses of the sun her chubby neck and arms and even her dimpled knees.

There she stood, the little trespasser, up to her eyes in the fragrant blossoms, both hands as full as they could hold of the sweet pea branches, casting innocent looks of wonder at the intruder. Sweet peas nodded above her sunny curly head, close in around her, peeped over her shoulders and lay in tangled heaps about her body, framing a picture which to Theron Kingcliff seemed the loveliest his eyes had ever beheld.

Feminine in every curving line and dimple the child's transcendent beauty flashed upon him with the power of fascination at one glance. The next it brought him poignant pain; for it was the tiny facsimile of the face which once had been to him the dearest and the fairest in the world; and as the little

culprit fay gazed up at him there were reflected in her baby beauty just the gentle pride and the haughty humility with which other eyes as dark and brows as curving, lips as red and complexion as creamy had dazzled him before.

Theron mutely regarding her, felt himself well measured weighed and passed upon before he found voice to say "And who are you little one? Are you an angel right down from the skies, a Tin-

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Thoughts of The New Year

Let us walk softly, friend;
For strange paths lie before us, all untrod;
The new year, spotless from the hand of God
Is thine and mine, O friend!

Let us walk straightly, friend;
Forget the crooked paths behind us now.
Press on with steeper purpose on our brow,
To better deeds, O friend!

Let us walk gladly, friend;
Perchance some greater good than we have known
Is waiting for us, or some fair hope frown
Shall yet return, O friend!


Let us walk humbly, friend;
Slight not the heartsease blooming round our feet;
The laurel blossoms are not half so sweet,
Or lightly gathered, friend.

Let us walk kindly, friend;
We cannot tell how long this life shall last,
How soon these precious years be over past;
Let love walk with us, friend.

Let us walk quickly, friend;
Work with our might while lasts our little stay,
And help some halting comrade on the way;
And may God guide us friend!—Lillian Gray

The Apotheosis of Editha

[WINNER OF SECOND PRIZE IN OUR SHORT STORY CONTEST]

A Story in Seven Chapters  By Susie Bouchelle Wight

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Miss Sally VanBrunt, an aristocratic Southern lady who has always compelled everything to bend to her strong will, is quite overwhelmed on learning that her pretty niece, Editha, is engaged to marry George Collier, a worthy young man who is bound to make his way in the world but whose father had been an overseer to the girl's grandfather, and whose mother was addicted to smoking a pipe. Not being able to induce her niece to give up George Collier, Miss Sally decides to accept an invitation for herself and niece to spend the winter in the city of Oldenburg, in the hope that Editha will meet some one more suitable in point of wealth and social position. Miss Sally mortgages the family estate to obtain money which she spends in fine clothes for Editha. The latter is charmed with the beautiful clothes and the family jewels, now, for the first time, shown her, but leaves home firm in her determination to remain loyal to her lover. Dazzled by the admiration which she excites and the attentions paid her, however, she wavers in her loyalty to George, comparing him with the society men whom she meets, rather to his disadvantage. George at last receives the appointment of railway surgeon, for which he had been waiting, and at once goes to Oldenburg to see Editha. The latter is too much charmed with her city life to be willing to give it up. She tells George that if he wishes her he will have to carry her off, which he declines to do. An admirer of Editha, Mr. Wisner, presents himself just at this juncture; George leaves the house and returns to Penniton.

CHAPTER V.

"I have to beg your pardon, for what seems to me now as intolerable assurance and rudeness in my manner to you last evening, as also in the first instance, the morning you went away. I quite recognize at last, that we are utterly unsuited to each other, and realize that we are fortunate in having discovered it in time. Kindly present my acknowledgments to your aunt for her wise intervention in the matter. I believe I intimated to you twice that I should assume the role of guardian angel, in case you had the bad taste to prefer some one else to myself, but on better thought, I have decided that I am not the proper person to act in that capacity, and so you need fear no further annoyance of any kind from me."

That was all, and Editha reading, grew cold and faint, for it seemed so final, and so irrevocable, and she was not accustomed to the thought of a life with George nowhere in it. She had flirted and danced, drove and played whist industriously in the days which had elapsed since his disturbing visit, assuring herself that she was unmitigatedly glad to be free.

Miss Sally always knew when silence was golden so she asked no questions, but watched the progress of affairs with approving eyes, and dauntless purpose. There was plenty of money now, for a much longer siege, if necessary, and yet she scarcely expected one. In an unwonted burst of confidence Editha had told her of a proposal from Mr. Wisner, which she was considering at her own elegant leisure, quite ignorant of the fact that Mr. Wisner had first submitted his proposal to the old lady, and so won himself into her good graces that when he went away he was as much in her confidence as though he were her legal adviser.

The end of the season was at hand, and the two from Willow-wood had made plans to follow the tide of gaiety still further, and have a cottage at the seaside. Miss Sally was sitting quietly in her room, revolving this plan and that of the future of which she now felt sure, when Editha came in with head high, and shoulders thrown back after a fashion of her own.

"I hope you are satisfied now, Aunt Sally," she burst forth, with a disrespectful shake of her body.

"Read this note, I have just had from George!" she commanded.

Miss Sally read the short letter carefully. "Very sensible, my dear, very sensible! I never accused

George Collier of being a fool. I have often noticed that big matter-of-fact fellows like that, go daft over the silliest kind of women, and I have no doubt that he will soon replace your image, with another as —"

"Aunt Sally! Will you have a little respect for my feelings?"

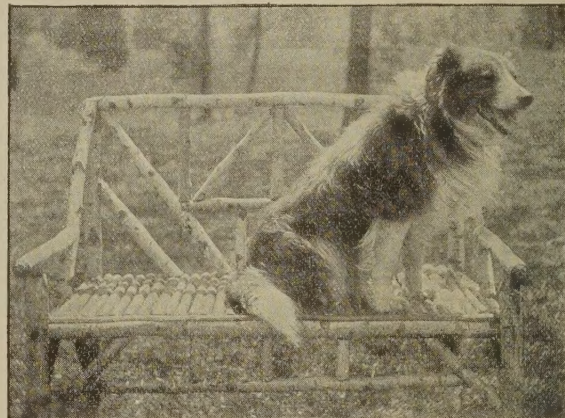
"For the gracious sake! Don't bite my head off! Didn't you tell me only last night that you had fully decided to accept Mr. Wisner? Do you expect to marry both of them?" Miss Sally was losing her self control as she usually did when there was a tilt with Editha.

"I shall not marry Mr. Wisner, at any rate," declared the girl, "and George will not marry me, so there you have the situation! As long as I felt like a poor little pawn for you and George to push about from one to the other I was tolerably comfortable, but now—I shall decide for myself from henceforth, and you shall not cheat me into marrying a man nearly old enough to be my father, even if he has a pile of money and a string of ancestors. What do I care for his money and his old ancestors?"

Miss Sally quaked at Editha's words. "Sit down?" she ordered with tightening lips. "Where do you suppose all this money you have been spending this winter has been coming from?"

"Goodness knows, I have wondered often enough."

"Well you shall know now. I mortgaged Willow wood for every dollar it would carry. I did it, that



The Favorite to train to care for stock.

too far away for him to have heard anything about it accidentally. Surely you, who have always been so proud, did not dare to tell him that you made all that sacrifice to bring your own niece here to be market-ed?"

Miss Sally did not blink as she replied:

"How should I know who told him about Willow-wood? He bought it for you, and I tell you again that you are not going to make everything of no avail, by your idiocy."

"And I tell you again, Aunt Sally, I am not going to marry Mr. Wisner!" She waited a moment for a rejoinder, but Miss Sally had withdrawn into her stronghold of silence—her last resort, so Editha continued breathlessly, "I do not know what I shall do—yet—but one thing is certain, I shall not use another penny of that money from Willow-wood, and you had better be careful of what is left of it." She picked up George's letter from where it had fallen on the floor, and with head held higher than ever, she left the room, and although she was hurt and humiliated beyond expression, something was aroused within her which she had never felt before, although she had in her childhood often assured her aunt when issue was raised between them, that she was as much VanBrunt as any that ever bore the name. As the letter rattled in her hand, her features relaxed, and the proud eyes softened almost into a smile. He had ostentatiously relinquished every claim on her, but George had made good his impulsive word, and had found a way to prevent her from marrying from ambition, even though he had stumbled upon it in his righteous indignation and disappointment. It was too early for her to begin to think of the long hard years before her, but she fully realized that she was about to cut herself adrift from both the stronger natures on which she had leaned, and she felt that she must take some decisive step.

There was only one person to whom she could go, for the counsel she so sorely needed, and that was her aged host, who out of a lifelong friendship to her family, had made her feel as a beloved daughter. As she passed through the hall on her way to his study, she saw a table laden with flowers—great sheaves of carnations, long-stemmed exquisite roses, fragrant violets, and cloying heliotrope.

"These are all a part of something gone from me," she thought, as she bent over them to read the names on the cards, "but they will make a beautiful farewell gift to the sick folks in the hospital."

It had been her custom through all that gay winter, to send all flowers, except such as she chose to wear, to the Merivale Hospital, and none were ever left to wilt in the house. Often she had gone to the hospital with the judge. It was his favorite philanthropy, and in addition to being a director of its affairs, he had lately given large sums to its improvement and maintenance.

As Editha stood looking at the blossoms, their beauty and fragrance appealed to her most strongly, and their mission of brightness came to her as a quieting message in her feverish unrest. She soon stole away to the great lonely library, to think her thoughts and to try to take firm hold on that strange new sense of independence, which seemed the only unmixed emotion in the chaos of wounded pride, and passionate self-scorn and self pity which surged in her heart.

She sat there a long time trying to plan a future for herself and Miss Sally, for the older woman's action in mortgaging and then selling Willow-wood, con-

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"Shake Hands."

you might have the opportunities I never had, and you shall not ruin everything by your obstinacy. You need not marry Mr. Wisner just yet, but you must not—you must not finally refuse him! I feel in honor bound!"

There was something like a desperate appeal in Miss Sally's voice, and the unusual quality arrested Editha's attention.

"Why? What do you mean?" She was standing in front of her aunt as she demanded this, her hands tightly clasped on the back of a chair, and her chin tilted upward.

"Why? Because Mr. Wisner has bought Willow-wood for your future home and his, and he did it because you have encouraged his attentions in every way. He spoke to me only yesterday, and told me that you had given him a tacit consent."

Editha ignored, if she heard these accusations, and two scarlet spots flashed out in her cheeks, high up under the eyes which looked into Miss Sally's with an expression they had never worn before. As the girl stood silent for a moment in her indignation, the aunt remembered how her own father's eyes, and her brother's had flashed in this same way when the first mutterings of the Civil War had sent them afield to defend their rights. The association was not reassuring, and she realized in an instant that Editha's fighting blood was well aroused.

When the girl spoke, it was very quietly, and she showed that she was trying hard to hold herself in hand.

"Aunt Sally, how could Mr. Wisner know anything about Willow-wood? It is



"How is your health? Put out your tongue."

Training Pet Dogs.

By Phebe Westcott Humphreys.

The ownership of an intelligent dog is an education in itself for the boy or girl who is ambitious to train the household pet into a canine marvel. It will be well, from the first, to convince the small owner that marvels are seldom produced by the average home training. But many winning and cunning tricks, and frequently a really surprising performance may be the result of persistent effort on the part of the young trainers—with mutual love and patience as the foundation stone of the work of both trained and trainer.

Girls are quite as successful in this work as boys, and when an interesting collection of small dogs, or one great intelligent household pet is to be experimented upon, there are many valuable lessons to be learned by the little human teacher as well as by the faithful canine pupil. Self-control for the trainer is one of the first lessons, conned perhaps unconsciously, but nevertheless thoroughly; gentleness, patience, unvarying kindness and persistent firmness must all be quite as carefully cultivated by the youthful trainer as the feats of performance by the reluctant pets.

It seems smooth sailing at first, but snags of discouragement soon appear. Standing on the hind legs to beg, seated comfortably on the haunches with the fore-paws folded on the breast, jumping through hoops, "shaking hands," and similar tricks are the most simple of the first lessons, and it is seldom necessary to bring a whip into requisition for teaching these. Occasional "goodies" in the form of the dog's favorite morsel of food, constant encouragement and approbation, with only occasional commands and scoldings when absolutely necessary, will be found to accomplish more than the usual masterful arrogance, sharp voice and sharper whip most frequently assumed during the training process.

It is well to accustom the pet from puppyhood, to "dressing up." The most simple tricks become wonderfully amusing when performed in quaint costumes with dancing skirts and showy jackets clothing the body and grotesque caps surmounting the head, or dainty white-frilled bonnets tied beneath furry chins.

It is unwise to attempt too much in the home training. Better be satisfied with a few simple tricks well performed than to strive for remarkable feats or try to train canine marvels only to end in failure and loss of confidence in each other, when the home pet and his owner have both become disgusted with continued harshness and stubborn disobedience. After frequent harshness (to force the performance of a difficult task) the pet dog that has joyfully performed his round of cunning tricks whenever he is asked to go through his performance, will often become despondent and disobedient when it is most desirable that he should be at his best.

One of the greatest mistakes made by the youthful trainer is to become ambitious for the pet dog (which, of course, seems quite the most remarkable member of the animal kingdom to the proud owner, and capable of doing anything that any other dog can do) to perform the same tricks as those shown on the stage by trained dogs. In many of the entertainments given for the amusement of young people, trained animals play an important part, and marvellous tricks are performed with such apparent ease that they seem entirely within the scope of the intelligent canine athlete at home, until failure has followed repeated effort.

Professional animal trainers will soon convince the beginner in trick-teaching that there is far more difficulty than one at first realizes in training the canine wonders for the stage. The famous card-playing dogs, the serpentine dancers, and those that perform perilous leaps, are not always dogs of remarkable intelligence, so much as dogs with an average degree of intelligence that have been trained to the point of absolute cruelty in some instances, and trained with infinite patience, and weeks, months and even years of hard work.

It may be wise, when possible, to consult with one of these professional trainers before attempting the training of the home pet. The talk may not only give some valuable information, but will teach the beginner many things to avoid that would otherwise bring early disappointment. Here are a few suggestions from one of the world's most famous dog trainers who has recently helped a youthful animal trainer in the writer's home.

"Most people think" he says, "that their dog's wonderful intelligence, encouraged at the right time with lumps of sugar, can be depended on for whatever tricks they want him to do. But this is a great mistake. For few suspect the many difficulties of every kind that stand in a dog trainer's way. It is true that the dog can be taught to do many wonderful things, but if anyone relies solely on the dog's intelligence he is likely to get left. The dog at play may find a pleasure in obeying his master, but let

a little exact work be required of him and the story will be very different. In fact, the first use that the dog seems to put his intelligence to is to refuse to obey orders, and he does this with wonderful ability. It is only after a time and by an almost invariable use of systematic correctives, that he feels the need of obeying and decides to execute his movements even against his wish.

"Thenceforward his intellectual faculties become valuable, and through them the dog can acquire a certain amount of talent. You have only to make him repeat what you want him to do a great number of times, for him to execute his trick exactly and automatically. This is the persuasive method, and you may use all the amiability that you can preserve and such sweets as your heart prompts you to give. I say the dog will act automatically, for when he appears in public in the most difficult and apparently intellectual feat, or some side-splitting farce, his reasoning faculties serve him for nothing. The whole series of movements which constitute his act have become instinctive and mechanical and purely involuntary.

"In this way a dog may be taught to walk on two legs, to roll a ball while standing on it, to balance himself on a bottle and to dance a jig, but you can never teach him to understand these different movements, and so the great act called the 'perilous leap,' thongs and a series of apparatus must be used, somewhat rough it is true, but necessary, by which the dog is successively placed in the series of positions that he is to assume during the leap.

"Enough to make a dog laugh."

"After a time the dog may be set at liberty, when he will repeat these movements at a command. It is impossible to teach this act without using force, and thus it will be seen that these wonderfully educated dogs are beasts who have been drilled into certain automatic movements by a judicious use of the whip, as well as by word and gesture. Indeed, each trick becomes a sort of monomania with the canine, and he performs it because he cannot help himself. A terrier who has been taught the 'perilous leap' will perform it on the slightest provocation; and the famous dog who first danced the serpentine dance was so accustomed to waltz in flashes of calcium light that if a match were struck when he was around he would stand on his hind legs and dance. Some well-known dog tricks which seem to contradict these statements and to establish discerning powers in the dog are delusions.

The famous dog Munito, for instance, who apparently played cards with a spectator, reckoned figures and built up words, was a fake. A series of piano keys were placed under the carpet and behind each card, and the board was worked by the trainer. When Munito nosed the correct card a thump from the hidden key warned him that he was to choose it. A mere click of the trainer's nail, in many tricks, is sufficient to enable the dog to make a correct choice; and when the dog's marvelous power of scent is made use of he is enabled to do feats that seem wonders to us.

"It is not intended to assert that man's best friend among the animals is without intelligence. Indeed, he possesses a good memory, and has ideas which in some cases he can associate. But the dog has more mind than reason. His intelligence never appears by more than flashes, and he is ordinarily incapable of reflection.

"Educated dogs are divided into four classes—leaping, ring hurdling, balancing and buffoonery. The dog clowns are the public's favorites; but, however incredible it may seem, every one of their motions is automatic. Even in that popular and amusing act where Fido runs under chairs, into boxes, jumps tables and makes ludicrous efforts to dodge his master, who is looking for him, the dog has been taught with the whip, in the same way as he was in doing the leap.

Canine jugglers have become favorites on the stage. Trained dogs perform remarkable feats in juggling with plates and balls, and finally hold lighted lamps on their heads while they waltz on their hind legs. These feats are worthy of Severus Schaeffer himself, and they undoubtedly mark the acme of dog training."

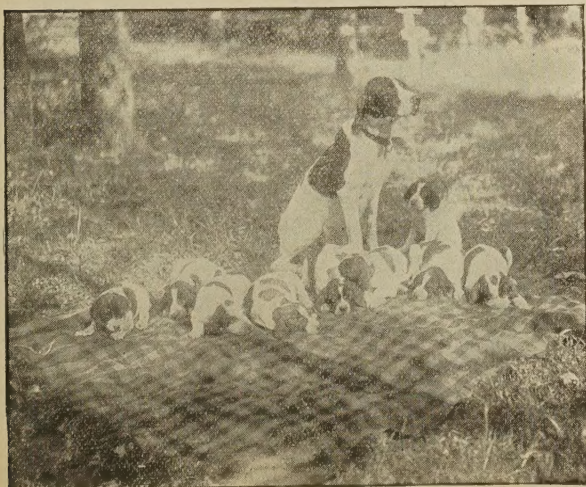
It is after viewing such feats as these described by the professional, that the youthful trainer of the home pet becomes most discouraged. It is best to take the advice of the authority, and leave these arduous tasks to the poor little dogs who are compelled to assist in making a living for their owners, while delighting large audiences with their accomplishments; and for the home training selecting the attractive but simple tricks and amusing feats that can be taught without cruelty.

Appropriate tricks are especially amusing although they may be very simple in their execution. For instance, a handsome Newfoundland dog owned by a prominent physician frequently amused waiting patients in the doctor's office, and became known as a remarkably intelligent animal by the accomplishment of a few simple tricks appropriate for the occasion. In reality he was a lazy, over-fed fellow, but of huge size and remarkably handsome, his big brown eyes—gazing benevolently at each new patient who entered the office—gave him the appearance of possessing unusual intelligence. He was always on guard during office hours, and when a patient entered the room he would follow with the greatest dignity until she was seated and would settle slowly down upon his haunches and gravely extend his paw to shake hands. He would then lift his handsome head, roll up his expressive eyes and with the most absurd deliberation stick out his tongue at the command of the office boy. His next act was to bring—at command—a tightly

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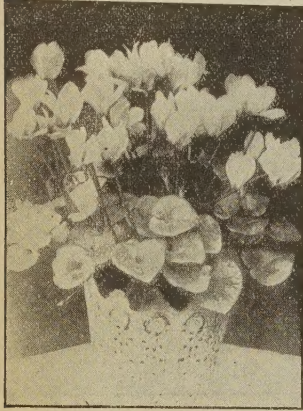


Wonderful Possibilities in this Family.

The Winter Window Garden

By Lennie Greenlee

The glow of Christmas cheer is sometimes long in fading, particularly if it has the true warmth and shine. The plants in the window and the holly



A Window Cyclamen

wreaths and branches still reflect it from crimson flowers and berries. The happiness of the New Year should grow bravely with a week of "peace and goodwill" to speed it on its way.

Some pretty New Year combinations are possible with the plants and cut flowers of the Christmas season. I like to mingle holly with white flowers in the manner shown by the engraving. Its leaves remain rich green and its berries adhere much longer when the stems are placed in water. Even where plants cannot be given much room, or are grown only in bulb-pits and frames, carnations and chrysanthemums are usually available.

During this month and the next the shrubs of the window garden will begin to flower,—daphnes in fragrant pink clusters, azaleas in dense masses, cyclamens, bouvardias, genistas, plumbagos, with flowers blue as the summer sky, abutilons, libonias and a number of others. Their flowers will last longer if the little bushes are kept in a moderately cool room, and if the soil is kept just generously moist. Sprinkling overhead must be discontinued while the flowers last. When they fade cut the bushes back into shapeliness and do not give much water. If the window space is crowded they may be set in cellar or cold-frame until time to go outdoors.

An examination of the bulbs planted last fall and set away in a dark place will show that they are starting into growth and demanding more light and heat. Growth stirs unevenly among them usually, giving us a chance to prolong their bloom. If those with longest leaf-tips are brought up first, they will perhaps be opening their flowers in two weeks, when the next relay can be brought in. Usually I set the bulbs just brought into the sitting-room under the plant-stand near the window, where they will be partially shaded until I am sure that their flower-stems will lengthen properly. With the exception of lilies, nearly all bulbs will open their flowers nicely in a north window, or in a room heated only from an adjoining one. While they are growing fast and blooming they need plenty of water. The cyclamen and pretty little Gloire de Lorraine are among the daintiest flowers blooming at New Year.

Often the first sign of growth in a dormant amaryllis is a thick red flower-stem shooting upward. Shade it, like the other bulbs, until fairly started, and give only a little water at first, increasing the supply gradually as growth progresses. I water my house plants with warm water in winter and pour boiling water in the saucer for callas, pouring it away after an hour or two.

A sudden drop in the temperature or a bit of carelessness during the bitter cold of winter may set at naught months of care. On exceptionally cold nights the plants in bulb pits may be kept from freezing by a large lamp placed in the center and a warm covering of the glass with shutters and mats. A little oil stove will serve the same purpose.

However snug may be the fittings of a window it is safest to draw the plants back from it on cold nights, and to place them on shelves or tables rather than on the floor, which is the coldest place in a room. A good device for protecting a small plant stand is a light wooden frame, just fitting entirely over it, and covered with two thicknesses of manilla paper pasted carefully on. It is easily removed and set away in the day time.

During cold weather it is always safer to give plants just as little water as will keep them growing.

Plants that are merely wilted with frost often recover fully when set away in the dark for a few days. To get them out of a freezing temperature into a dark place that is only moderately warm is always the first thing to do. The shock is not so great when the thawing out is gradual. Branches and leaves that hang limp and black after several days in darkness should be cut away, but should the whole top seem

dead, do not throw away the root. Put it in some out-of-the-way, frost-proof place, and keep the soil about it just slightly moist until time to set house plants outdoors. Often the first warm spring rains will coax up vigorous young shoots. To try to stimulate frozen plants with extra heat and water is often merely to kill them. They must recover from the shock before they need even the usual amount of light, heat and water. Darkness is to sick plants what quiet, is to sick people.

Rex Begonia

By Georgina S. Townsend

After years of effort, I have at last learned how to raise fine large specimens of Rex Begonias, and as they are favorites with almost everyone, and equally, difficult for almost everyone to raise, I will give my experience.

Beginning with the selection of Rex Begonias, it is not always easy to decide from a catalogue, which are the handsomest ones. I found Fire-flush very elegant, the center a lovely flushed pink over purplish green, and the leaves stand upon green hairy stems very gracefully.

Louise Classon is said to be the handsomest of the Rex tribe. It is not a "hairy monster," but satin skinned. The coloring is superb, pink spots with a silvery sheen, on dark purple back ground. The whole has a luster peculiar to itself. Roi Fred is especially effective. The leaf is very large, and the color an almost transparent green. The center is dark, and the edge is green and silver, tinted with red, and crinkled and fluted into a most fantastic ruffle effect.

Storm Cloud is a vigorous grower. The ground is very dark green, like a black sky, and the white spots are large, raised, with a silvery and cloud like effect.



Chrysanthemums and Holly

These four are very distinct and satisfactory. I have many others and find the ricinus-like leaf a very nice specimen and Gen. Palmerton is fine for a dull metallic Rex. It has queer "horns" all over the leaf.

Having selected what you want it is wise to get ready for the arrival of the young plants. I have tried all sorts of soil, and know from practical experience that pure leaf mold, almost like peat, mixed with a fourth sand and a fourth rich loam makes a very satisfactory potting soil. It does not bake, and my Rex grow like weeds in it. Then when the plants come, put them in pots having a few pieces of charcoal in the bottom for drainage with this soil. A four inch pot is what I use. I press the earth gently about the roots, water thoroughly and set them away where it is light but where no sun strikes them for a few days until they have become settled.

Now as to location. I've decided that location is everything to an amateur raising Rex. I've tried south windows—sun too hot; west windows—sun too cold; north windows—not heat enough. Outdoors they burn; so it must be indoors and the ideal place is the east window. If you have no east window where the morning sun, full of life giving, can shine, do not bother with Rex; but with a sunny east window you can raise them to perfection. At first half a dozen plants can

occupy a shelf at a window, but in six month's time two plants will fill the space, so rapid will be the growth.

The watering is the next serious consideration, and here is where almost everyone fails. I knew a person who was given a magnificent hot house Rex. She set it outside on a north window ledge, keeping it soaking wet. In course of time it disjointed and came to pieces, but she did not know why. Another, a bride, brought home from her wedding trip, two of Mrs. Shepherd's finest Rex, and being proud of their beauty she set them out on the south porch for people to see. They promptly lopped over, and when she carried them indoors and gave them a drink, they were beyond recovery. I take each pot to the sink, set it in a pail of water which comes up over the top of the pot, and let the earth absorb all it will. I then set it to drain, spraying off the leaves at the same time. In summer I do it twice and three times a week, in winter twice in ten days. I allow no water to remain in the saucers, and I never brush the leaves. I've seen this advised, but by trying it, you will see the "bloom" of the leaf is broken, and that a brown spot will soon appear. Never let a part of the leaf touch anything enough to bruise it, for then your leaf is spoiled.

In spraying the leaves, never do it in the sun. If you cannot remove the plant to a sink where you can spray it, wait until the sun is past the window, as the sun on the wet leaves burns them. It is just as necessary to spray the leaves as it is to water the roots, for most Rex are fuzzy, hairy-leaved creatures and dust collects easily upon them. Besides making them unsightly, the dust injures the leaves.

And lastly, do not turn them around. Set them back in their places just as they were. They sulk and droop when turned first one way and then another.

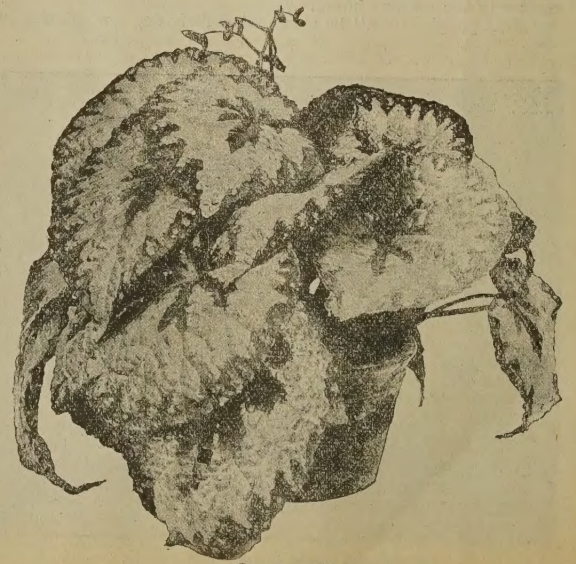
Every once in a while I stir the soil up with a fork, and with this treatment, a Rex Begonia will thrive for a year or more before repotting is necessary.

When it is time to repot have fresh soil ready, loosen the earth in the pot with a knife run about the edge, and very, very carefully, with the hand under the big leaves, against the soil, slip the ball of earth and roots into the hand, and thence into the larger pot, with charcoal in the bottom and fresh earth. Then slip fresh earth in around the sides, pressing it down gently but firmly. Then water and set away for a few days. Always treat the leaves like something too tender for a breath to touch, and you will grow perfect plants. In winter the room should not be over 60 degrees nor under 50 degrees.

This seems like a great deal of effort for small results perhaps, but any one who admires begonias will find more than a recompense in their handsome leaves, and in the universal admiration they excite.

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Rex Begonia

Decorative Plants.

By Florence Beckwith.

In the winter, when we in northern latitudes have so little sunshine, we cannot expect to have very many blossoms. The best we can generally do then is to depend on the various so-called decorative plants for



Dracaena Massangeana.

something cheering while we are waiting for longer days and more life-giving sunshine.

Palms, Rubber Plants and Ferns are well-known decorative plants of well-deserved popularity. The various species of ornamental Asparagus are becoming better known and are fully entitled to the praises which they are receiving. *Aspidistra lurida* is a much-enduring plant, sure to look comfortable and happy even under adverse conditions.

The Pandanus, or Screw Pine, is a beautiful plant, not so stately, perhaps, as a Palm, but to my mind more graceful and attractive. It is not difficult of treatment and should be much more generally cultivated. *P. Veitchii* is a beautiful species; the dark green leaves margined with broad bands of white gracefully recurve, and if the plant is given all the winter sunshine available and kept at a temperature of from 65 to 70 degrees it will make quite a rapid growth and become an attractive specimen. It should not be crowded in a window among other plants, but given a place alone where its beauty and symmetry can be seen to the best advantage. Good loam enriched with old manure and some sand makes the most satisfactory soil and good drainage should be provided. The plant should never be allowed to become absolutely dry, neither should it be kept too wet, but during the season of growth water should be given freely. In summer the pot can be plunged or placed in a partially shaded position.

The Dracaenas are very fine decorative plants and beautiful specimens for color effects. They accommodate themselves very graciously to house cultivation, keeping in good condition for a long time, even in rooms heated by a furnace and lighted by gas. They delight, however, in a moist atmosphere and whenever possible water should be kept where it will rapidly evaporate and thus ameliorate unfavorable conditions.

The Dracaenas are particularly admired for their graceful forms and variations of color. The leaves are long and slender, in some varieties of a very dark green, in others variegated with stripes of red, yellow,

white, bronzy orange and crimson. The young leaves of some species are often pink, assuming later a dark, bronzy copper color. *D. Lindenii* is one of the most attractive species. Sometimes the leaves are creamy yellow or all green; again they have a stripe through the center or the edge is bordered with white or cream color.

D. Hendersonii is another fine species with leaves blotched and splashed with pink, crimson and white. *D. Massangeana* has a very broad, satiny leaf with blotches of bright color in the center. *D. Goldiana* is more dwarf-like than some of the other species and the markings are across the leaf instead of lengthwise. *D. Bruanti* has heavy, dark green foliage. Though not as showy as some of the other sorts, it is a very good species for house culture. *D. indivisa* and *D. terminalis* are more frequently seen than any other sorts, as they are often made use of for the center of fern dishes or jardinières, and several are often grouped for table decorations.

Any good, ordinary soil will do for Dracaenas with a little charcoal added. The pot should not be too large. Keep the foliage well-sponged, but do not let any water lodge in the axils of the leaves. Sponging with skimmed milk is said to increase the glossiness of the foliage. In summer the pots can be plunged in the ground, or kept in the house or on the veranda.

A Fertilizer.

By Eleanor R. Bartlett.

When I was a child I remember to have heard, when some one had done something very reprehensible, the remark, "Saltpetre won't save him now; he'll have to take his punishment." I didn't know then, and don't yet, what effect "saltpetre" could have in sav-



Screw Pine.

ing humanity from the effects of wrong doing, but I have found that it will save house plants from some effects of wrong management.

During the last long, cold, winter it was very inconvenient for me to prepare fertilizers for my plants and after midwinter I found they were getting into a very unsatisfactory condition.

Then the idea came to me to try saltpetre. I dissolved a large tablespoonful of the coarse granules of the drug in a pint of water and applied it to the soil in the pots, two to four tablepoons of the liquid to each one, according to the size of pot and plant.

I did this once a week, and such a change as was wrought by it. Begonias that seemed to have become totally discouraged sprang into new vigor, sending up new shoots and great beautiful leaves that were at once the envy and admiration of my neighbors.

Some Winter Sunshine.

By Mary E. Hardy.

If you love your friends, why don't you tell them so and give them an occasional flower to help things along? To all outer seeming they may need neither of your gifts, but appearances are ever deceptive, and you do not know what heavy burden is making their hearts ache although it is unseen by mortal eyes. Some day, nobody knows how soon, they will lie cold and silent. Then they will not see nor appreciate the flowers you bring too late.

Years ago an old lady gave two rose cuttings to a little school-girl. The gift had not been asked so it was a happy surprise. The mother lent her aid in the planting and covering; and the next spring when the new growth began it was found that the cutting of the Madame Welch had not lived, but the La France was putting out new leaves; and it is still living. The

giver soon passed away, but I never cut those silvery pink roses without the memory of the scene and the giver comes back again.

One raw spring day every thing in the office went wrong; nothing seemed to be in the right place and there was more work than the day could possibly hold. Good temper was at a premium! Then the office-door was pushed open and a friend came in. She did not stay to make the busy workers lose any time, neither



Dracaena Hendersonii.

did she have much to say. But only placed on the desk a gorgeous double Tulip—deep red and a blue that was almost black, and then was gone. Somehow, things seemed to come easier, after our eyes were rested with all that Tulip beauty; and by the time closing hour arrived the work was done and smiles were back again.

Don't any of you tell me that the Tulip did not do it because I know it did!

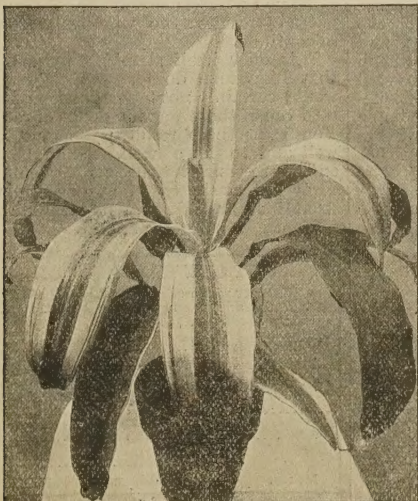
Authority says that Poppy seed should be planted in the fall of the year to do well, but a certain little woman took the Poppy craze last Spring and planted. She bought one five cent package of the mixed sorts from her groceryman—and the results justified her expectations. While they were in full bloom she plucked a flaming red beauty, whose ballet skirts of pinked satin stretched to the size of a saucer, and carried to the merchant as a sample of what his seeds had done. The merchant's testimony was that in twenty year's business she was the first customer to bring a flower or to say how well pleased she was. Complaints a many had he heard, but not one word of compliment! That is human nature; we rush back to complain if the goods are not absolutely perfect, but how few of us remember to go back with the word of praise? And yet one is just as much due as the other.

Last June two women had a lot of committee work to do together. One was confined to her home, but the other always came to her with some beautiful flower. One day it was a Magnolia blossom, whose great white cup shed perfume all over the room. Another time she brought a literal peck of Sweet Peas. This dear woman was a joy and pleasure to see.

While these words are being written, a large bowl of white Chrysanthemums stands beside me. They were sent from the old home place and are more highly prized than those blooming by my own window.

Thus it is, the gift may not be as good as what we already have, it is just the being remembered, the old associations and the memories that come in its train—these are what we hunger for.

Then, since we know how we enjoy being remembered, let us remember somebody else.



Dracaena Lindenii.



Dracaena Goldiana.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Little Turn Coats of the Woods As Window Garden Pets.

By Mrs. Sarah A. Pleas.

During extremely dry weather a family of little tree toads found their way through a broken pane and established themselves in my window garden, attracted perhaps by the moisture, and I suspect, later flies, bugs and other delicacies suited to baby froggies, offered still other inducements for them to remain, so they took up their permanent abode.

Our little folks delighted in feeding them flies and as they ignored a dead insect, they sometimes suspended a fly by a very fine thread and held it before them, when the fly would disappear as if by magic. The frog could then be lifted from its perch by this thread where he would swing and make the most vigorous and ludicrous attempts to either climb the thread, to swallow it, or to wind it in with his long arms and little round ended fingers. I felt that this was naughty in them, yet it proved so harmless they could scarce resist the sport.

Again they would impale flies on the point of a brown straw and hold them for

the frog to take, and unless you had been instructed what to expect, the fly would disappear so quickly one could not see how it had been done. The tongue is furnished with a sticky substance, and is attached near the front of the mouth, and when thrown out it strikes the fly which adheres to it, when it is jerked back, just as if it were made of rubber.

The straw must be reached round in front of the frog, and after the first fly is taken the frog will face about, as much as to say, now I'm ready for another, and he will continue to thus spirit them away as long as they are furnished. The straw may tremble and be unsteady. To prevent this it was sometimes necessary to rest it against a leaf or plant, then slip it slowly toward the frog. This gliding movement seemed to remind them of a snake when they would leap headlong, turning double somersaults to the uncertain depths below to escape the seeming danger. This trick was always attended with the same re-

sult and was reserved for the climax and invariably "brought down the house."

The large window is filled with a foot of earth, and covered with wood's moss in which is planted a large palm, oleanders, geraniums, vines, ferns, and flowering plants, making an ideal home for these and a chameleon, where also the canary's open cage stands on the ground, where it is kept supplied with feed and fresh water, the bird having the freedom of the window. It seldom wanders from the recess of the window, sleeping snugly rolled up in some flowering shrub. It is a night singer and affords much pleasure to the children hunting its whereabouts as it chants its vesper songs.

For over thirty years we have not been without some representative of these little "turn coats." New recruits being often supplied from the sink in the



TREETOAD.

porch, where they were serenely taking a foot bath. Without exception they have taken kindly to their environments, if their activity and daily and nightly serenades are any indication.

We have never been able to determine whether they presage rain. The singing of the bird, and the click of the sewing machine are as likely to elicit a chorus

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Nine Nations

Now Use Liquozone. Won't You Try It-Free?

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Wont you do as those millions have done? If you are still using medicine for what medicine cannot cure, wont you learn what others know about Liquozone? Wont you let us pay the cost of your test?

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Liquozone is not a medicine. It is not made by compounding acids or drugs, nor is there any alcohol in it. Its virtues are derived solely from gas—largely oxygen gas—by a process requiring immense apparatus and 14 days' time. Each cubic inch of Liquozone requires the use of 1,250 cubic inches of the gas.

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The great value of Liquozone lies in the fact that it does what oxygen does. Oxygen is the vital part of air, the very source of vitality, the most essential element of life. It is the blood food, the nerve food,

the scavenger of the blood. It is oxygen that turns the blue blood to red in the lungs; that eliminates the waste tissue and builds up the new. Too little oxygen always causes lack of vitality. An excess of it gives strength to every function of Nature.

Oxygen is also a germicide. The reason is that germs are vegetables; and an excess of oxygen—the very life of an animal—is deadly to vegetal matter.

Liquozone acts like oxygen. But it does more than oxygen, because it is stable. It carries its virtues into the blood to go wherever the blood goes. It is a remarkable tonic—the best thing in the world for you. Yet it is a germicide so certain that we publish on every bottle an offer of \$1,000 for a disease germ that it cannot kill.

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We Paid \$100,000

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Germ Diseases.

These are the known germ diseases; all due to germs, or the poisons which germs create. These are the diseases to which medicine does not apply, for drugs cannot kill inside germs.

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Colic—Croup	Pleurisy—Quinsy
Constipation	Rheumatism
Catarth—Cancer	Scrofula—Syphilis
Dysentery—Diarrhœa	Skin Diseases
Dandruff—Dropsy	Stomach Troubles
Dyspepsia	Throat Troubles
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With a Vest Effect

Blouse waists made with vest effects are exceedingly fashionable and attractive both for the separate waists and the entire gowns. This one is made of raspberry red chifon and taffeta combined with tea colored lace and is singularly attractive. As illustrated the fitted lining is used, but in the case



Pattern No. 4885

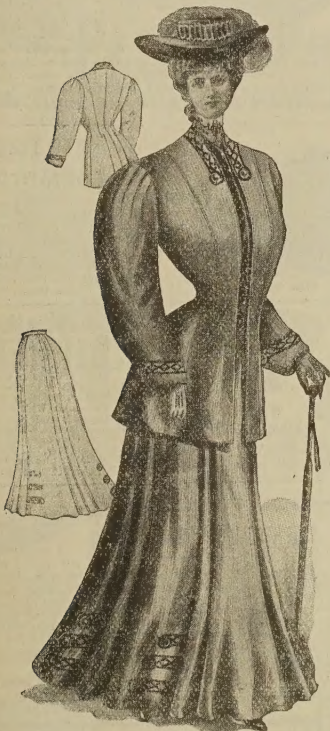
With Novel Sleeves.

All things that tend to give a broad shoulder effect are in the height of style but no sleeve yet devised is better than this one with a box plait extension which is arranged over the shoulder seams. The waist is both new and attractive and is laid in box plaits at both front and back, there being a plain center front over which the vest portions are arranged. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 yds 21 inches-3 1/2 yds 27 or 1 3/4 yds 44 inches wide with 3/4 yds of all over lace. The pattern 4885 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4875.

of washable fabrics it is better that this last should be omitted. The waist is a simple one and is closed invisibly beneath the box plait at the edge of the left front. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 1/4 yds. 21-3 1/2 yds 27 or 2 1/4 yds of all over lace. The pattern 4875 is cut in size for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.



Pattern Nos. 4868 and 4834

A Stylish Walking Suit

Walking suits that combine plaited skirts with coats of half length are eminently fashionable for midwinter and can be relied upon to extend their vogue into the spring. The model illustrated is an admirable one and is shown in dark blue chevot with the vest of velvet and trimming of fancy braid. The quantity of material required for the medium size is for coat-1 1/4 yds 27-2 1/4 yds 44 or 2 1/2 yds 52 inches wide with 3/4 yds of any width for vest, 7 1/4 yds 27-3 3/4 yds 44 or 4 3/4 yds 52 inches wide when material has either figure or nap. 7 1/4 yds 27-3 3/4 yds 44-3 3/4 yds 52 inches wide when material has neither figure nor nap. The coat pattern 4868 is cut in sizes for a 32-34-36-38-40-42 inch bust measure. The skirt pattern, 4834 is cut in sizes for a 22-24-26-28-30 and 32 inch waist measure.



Pattern No. 4881

A Fashionable Cape

Capes make some of the most fashionable wraps of the season and are much to be desired over the broad shoulders of the season. This one is triple in form and finished with a stole collar and is made of wood-brown broadcloth, the collar trimmed with fancy braid. The quantity of material required for medium size is 6 1/2 yds 27 inch, 4 3/4 yds 44 or 4 1/2 yds 52 inch wide. The pattern No. 4881 is cut in three sizes, small, medium and large corresponding to 34, 38 and 42 inch bust measure.



Pattern No. 4779

A Tasteful Breakfast Jacket

Pretty and becoming breakfast jackets are always in demand. This one is exceptionally graceful and attractive, and is adapted to a wide range of materials, washable fabrics as well as those of wool. In the case of the model, however, it is made of pale blue henrietta, trimmed with frills of tea colored lace, the collar being made of insertion and beading. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 3 1/4 yds 21 inch and 3 yds 27 or 32 inch wide with 3/4 yds 18 inches wide for collar and 10 yds of lace, 4 inches wide for frills. The pattern 4779 is out in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

Shirt Waist Dress

Shirt waist dresses make the most fashionable and most desirable of all for afternoon occasions and are greatly liked in the fashionable soft wools. The model illustrated is peculiarly graceful, combining both box plaits and tucks. As illustrated, it is made of dotted cashmere royal blue in color. The quantity of material required for medium size is for waist, 5 1/2 yds 21-4 yds 27 or 3 1/2 yds 44 inches wide. For skirt 10 yds 21-9 yds 27 or 5 yds 44 inches



Pattern Nos. 4781 and 4877

Special Offer.

wide. The waist pattern 4781 is out in sizes for a 32-34-36-38 and 40 inch bust measure. The skirt pattern 4877 is cut in sizes for a 22-24-26-28 and 30 inch waist measure.

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Inside Nerves!

Sickness loses half its terrors when we strip medicine of its MYSTERY. For most all forms of sickness start in the same way. The nerves are weak. Not the nerves that govern your movements and your thoughts.

But the nerves, that, unguided and unknown, night and day, keep your heart in motion--control your digestive apparatus--regulate your liver--operate your kidneys.

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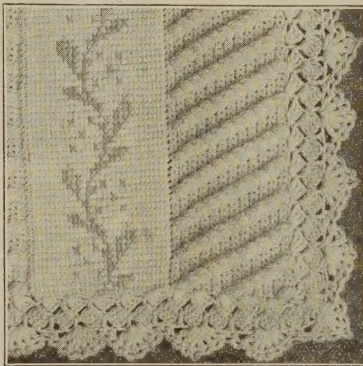
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One of the first things that baby needs is a hood, and this season brings a new design that is perhaps as pretty as any ever seen. It is made of pompadour wool in garter stitch and the herring bone stitch combined in a babish way and the shape is much that of the Dutch hoods which are so popular—a crown fitting close around the neck, a flat top and a flat turnover in front. There is a little crocheted edge to finish it, but nothing at all to break the flat effect unless one places a bow on the top of the head. To do or not to do this is a matter of choice. Both ways are accepted, although it is conceded by all authorities that the flatter the better for baby's first hood.



Afghan with Embroidered Stripes.

The new jackets for baby are many and they take up the cry of the hoods in that they are flat, always flat about the neck. Baby must have pretty clothes, but first of all his comfort must be looked after. It is a curious fact that in jackets they go hand in hand, for nothing could be more lovely than the flat necked jackets now provided for him. They are all made of the finest of wools—zephyr, shetland and pompadour wool, the latter much like a soft Saxony with a fine silk thread twisted about it.

Among the prettiest is the butterfly jacket. It is made of zephyr shetland and derives its name from the shape and from the shells in which it is made. These shells are very tiny at the neck, but increase in size as they near the lower edge where they stand out from the surface of the work, like the wings of a butterfly a-flutter. The jacket is pointed around the bottom—two points at the front, one in the center of the back. The sleeves, too, are pointed, and slightly flaring.

It is from zephyr shetland that another delightful little jacket is constructed. In this instance it is knit, the herring bone and plain garter stitches being combined as with baby's first hood; in fact it may be made of pompadour wool to match the hood, making a wonderfully attractive gift. This little jacket is in the straight box shape, square back, square sleeves knit right on it, and in square fronts, the whole thing all in one. It is the simple shape that every knitter knows, and equally well does she know that there are few shapes so altogether babyish.

A baby jacket that is novel is made of pompadour wool, light blue for the yoke and cream white for the remaining portions. The unusual feature of this jacket is the shape of the yoke which extends in long tabs to the front of the jacket, narrowing as they go down until they finish in a point. The yoke is made of single crochet stitch and star stitch combined, the former always taken up double to produce the proper flat work. The remaining portions are in double crochet worked with pointed effect so that the garment is wonderfully attractive.

Quite unusual is a baby's long petticoat with linen yoke and with skirt crocheted of three fold Saxony yarn. The upper portion of the latter is in rows of ribbed slip stitch worked up and down, the work done more loosely toward the bottom to give a flare there. The flounce of the skirt is in the corn row stitch, so

named because it looks for all the world like a pickaninny's hair when it is braided in what is known as a corn row. The petticoat is certainly charming and in selecting it to make as a gift one is certain to have an offering different from that of the average person.

Another gift always appreciated by a mother is an afghan for baby. One of the prettiest designs of the season has two stripes in afghan stitch, the stripes embroidered with some delicate vine worked in cross stitch. They are usually made of cream white zephyr germantown and embroidered with pink, blue, a delicate shade of water green, and a light corn.

The remaining stripes of the afghan are either light blue or pink and are made with bands of the puff stitch running diagonally across them. This is to produce the heavy effect necessary to contrast with the white stripes, or rather to throw the white stripes with their embroidery back. It is exceedingly successful, and unusually pretty.

A pair of knit blankets is always acceptable. They are always knit in plain garter stitch of white wool with bands of some color worked across the ends, to closely resemble California blankets. To still further carry out this effect, the blankets are bound on the ends with ribbon and the sides are left unfinished.

Then there is the daisy and square afghan, made all in one piece, first a row of squares in some delicate color, then daisies of cream white like those in the fields. Of this afghan one never tires; it is always pretty, always high class in appearance.

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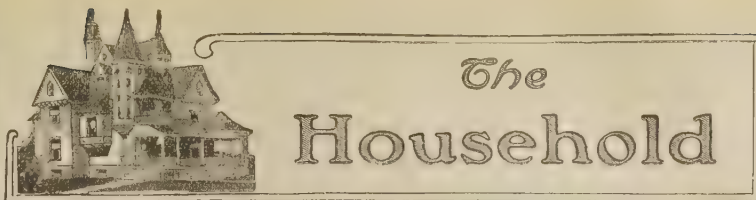
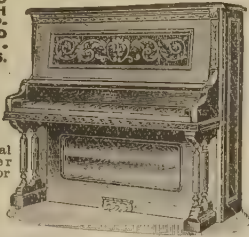
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Bread Making.

BY JOSEPHINE WORTHINGTON.

[Written for Vick's Magazine]

Surely every one loves good home made bread! The making of it is both a science and an art. If only a chemical composition, "Why," you ask, "is the result not always the same with like flour and yeast and recipe?" Because that most necessary ingredient—judgment—comes chiefly through experience.

Perhaps you tucked up the pan of dough in a warm blanket as usual and thinking the night would be very cold, you put it in a comfortable place close by the fire but the weather changed, the fire by a perverse streak burned with unwonted freedom and you came down in the morning to find the bread almost ready to fall so you dash in a cup of flour to keep it quiet while you start the breakfast. Or you may have the experience of the young bride whose bread got chilled and wouldn't rise; in sheer disgust she thought she would bury it out of sight in the back yard. Later the sun came out and warmed the ground—a crowd of boys and even a college professor were attracted by a strange upheaving and cracking of the earth which might portend an earthquake. Poor little bride! I imagine her mother used to say—"Don't bother me. I would rather do the work myself than have you fussing around." This sad experience will probably never come to a little maid I know, she is only five but whenever the bread is sponged she manages to be on hand to help stir, she needs to stand in a chair and use both hands for the long spoon, later she must have a portion to mould into tiny loaves or biscuits "just like mother." The picture is too pretty to spoil and the spirit of helping too precious to blight.

Let us begin the science of bread making by first studying the wheat; there are several layers of bran coats—the outer coat contains silica and elements not found elsewhere in the grain. Beneath the bran husk lie the gluten, phosphates and other mineral matters—the central mass is chiefly starch, so, as the brain, bone and muscle feeding elements lie just beneath the true bran and the heat and force producing elements are in the center, we may infer that Graham or whole wheat is especially good for growing children and as a variety with the white.

Flour—How shall we know the best make of flour? Experience proves that the fancy names amount to little as several dealers may sell the same flour under different brands; so we may select what the best dealers recommend and experiment till we get the right result, for by some processes the flour contains more gluten than others and a less quantity is required. Good flour has a yellowish-white tinge and when pressed tightly in the hand remains in shape and shows the imprint of the lines of the skin; if you make a paste with water and work it well it should be tough and elastic.

Yeast—After you have decided upon the flour, the next important thing is to have good strong sweet yeast. Potato yeast is the best but compressed or dry cakes are convenient. The yeast plant is delicate and will not flourish in ex-

treme heat or cold. If scalded it is killed and nothing can restore it and if chilled it is spoiled; and even temperature of sixty-eight to seventy-two degrees is best.

Potato Yeast—Pare four good sized potatoes, lay in cold water half an hour. Put one quart boiling water in saucepan, grate the potatoes quickly and stir into boiling water over the fire for five minutes; take from the fire, add half cup sugar, two tablespoons salt. Turn into bowl till lukewarm and add one cup good yeast, cover and ferment four hours, stir down every time it comes to the top. Put into jar or large bottle, cover tightly, stand where cold but not freeze; will keep two weeks; save one cupful to start with next time.—(Mrs. Rorer.)

Bread—There are various ways of making bread with milk, water, potatoes, etc., but the two chief points of lightness and sweetness remain always the chief consideration. If milk is used it should be scalded and cooled; this prevents its souring. Next comes the mixing or sponging, that is, surrounding each grain of flour with a film of water to combine and hydrate the starch, to dissolve the sugar and albumen and to moisten the gluten—an actual chemical combination, but as we can not use water enough to alone effect this, it must be followed by kneading, upon the thoroughness of which depends the excellency of the bread. First work the dough in the pan till it loses part of its stickiness, then thickly flour the board and your hands, take out the dough and knead rapidly and continuously by drawing the dough farthest from you over the centre and pressing down with the ball of the hand. It will take about twenty minutes or until you can knead it on an unfoured board. After this stand it away to rise. It should double its bulk but be careful it does not fall or sour; that means the yeast has eaten up every atom of flour; when very light divide carefully and mould into loaves then let rise again in the pans.

Bread Pans—You will find it convenient to keep a small paint brush on purpose to grease the pans and if you have some pound or half pound baking powder cans they make fine tins for lunch sandwiches. Next comes the baking.

Baking—From first to last the most important thing in breadmaking is temperature. One way to test the oven is to throw in flour; if it browns quickly without taking fire the heat is sufficient, or if you can hold your hand in the oven while you count twenty; if you use a thermometer, 360 degrees. The bread should be in the oven ten minutes before it begins to brown. If the oven is too hot a thick bitter crust is formed by changing the dextrine into caramel as well as preventing the loaf from baking in the centre. If your oven contains a bottom grate you may need it for the brown bread but not for the white. When done, remove at once from the tin and tip against a plate or bread board so the air will circulate freely around it. Do not cover if you like a crisp sweet crust. When cold put without any wrapping into a tin bread box that has been washed in soda and water and dried in the sun.

Water Bread—About three pints flour; one-half tablespoon lard; one-half table-

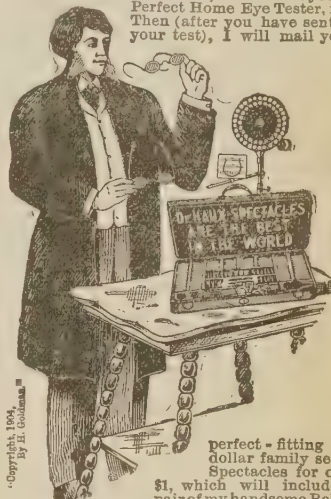
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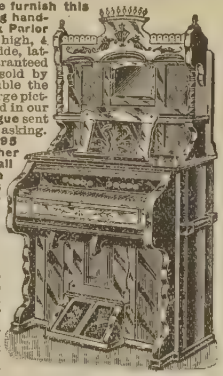
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Conducted by Mrs. Laura A. Goodwin

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Dear Friends of Vick's Magazine:

I give greeting for the first time and wish you all a Happy New Year. Of course joys and sorrows come into all our lives every year but they are to be expected. But how small they are in our happy peaceful land that is governed by right, not might, compared to countries where war and petty jealousies disturb both peasant and prince.

Let us all thank God that we live in "God's Own Country" and from our heart of hearts wish each other "A Happy New Year" and then do our best to make it so.

Every country has its advantages and disadvantages. Every language in the world is spoken in our great city. Of course we do not understand many of them but the language of love and good fellowship we all understand, so let every loyal American extend the hand of good fellowship to all worthy, deserving men and women who are strangers within our gates. They need our sympathy and encouragement in their new environment that they may become good loyal citizens of the best country in the world. We need them and they need us, so we most sincerely wish all A Happy New Year.

L. A. Goodwin.

Mrs. D.: Do I think a girl of nineteen too young to marry under ordinary circumstances? Yes, I do. But some very happy marriages have been contracted at that age. If the mother has done her part and taught her daughter the art of good housekeeping she has contributed much to her daughter's happiness; but no girl should marry a poor man till she can keep house as it ought to be kept, even if she is not obliged to do it herself. There is no rule to apply to all cases.

Ruth B.: Perhaps you are too sensitive. The friendship of a girl who would slight you on account of your dress is not worth crying about. Have a sincere talk with her as she was once your friend. Many friends have been estranged for a lifetime just from a misunderstanding.

We must not let loved ones pass out of our lives without making strenuous efforts to keep them there. If we fail, we have done our part. Find out where the fault lies!

A Bachelor Girl: How strangely things happen in this world! Three of us bachelor girls have been settled down for six months house-keeping in an ideal way, and we expected this to be a permanent arrangement. Now a man I have known for years and once loved but never expected to see again has returned, and I know our estrangement was my fault. I have promised to marry him; the other girls call me disloyal and say my marriage will sever our friendship forever. Please advise me what to do to retain their friendship.

Dear girl, marry the man you love; if he is a good man nobody has a right to interfere with your happiness. Marriage is the true basis of every home if it is the right kind of a marriage. They will think better of your marriage some time; it is probably the disappointment of losing your society that makes them unreasonable just now; you are certainly acting in a perfectly natural way, and I am sure, that they will see the matter in that light when the first disappointment is over.

Mrs. H.: Your letter is a peculiar one. Do I think it advisable for you to leave your twelve months' old baby in the care of some good woman while you go abroad for a year for pleasure? You say you are so tired of the responsibility for the child. If you are in good health I cannot believe you would be as happy away from your child as you would be where

you can see her every day. It seems to me unmotherly that a woman with one child would want to part with it in such manner.

Not long since I went to call on a young mother. She, too, had become tired of the responsibility for her baby. While waiting for her to come down to the parlor, I noticed a pretty high chair with a black bow on it. Baby had died through the carelessness of the person taking care of it, just sheer neglect on the mother's part.

I can never forget the bitter useless tears she shed. Don't put yourself in her position: be motherly! God and all the world love good mothers!

Mrs. R.: Home should be the pleasantest place in the world, and the mother is the homemaker. If you leave to servants what belongs to you to do, trouble is sure to follow. If children are disobedient, it is the mother's fault. Remember that you must think for children during the tender years of childhood and be very patient with their failures; but when you have made them understand, require strict obedience. You may have to explain matters to them many times, but in time obedience will become a habit.

You say you will not deprive yourself of society to please your husband, and he finds fault with you for your children's bad manners. The best servants in the world cannot properly bring up your children. Every child needs the care and consideration that only a good mother can give. Take my advice and see if the result is not a more harmonious condition of your home life.

Mrs. D.: You think your husband loves some other woman better than he does you. Don't be jealous without cause and don't listen to gossip about your husband. Don't consider a woman your friend who comes to you with stories about your husband. If she is a true friend, she will not do it.

I am sorry for you, but you must be patient; make no mistake by being hasty; men greatly dislike jealous women. Have a "Heart to Heart" talk with your husband; speak gently on the subject. A very wise man has said: "It is the cool hammer that fashions the red-hot iron." Your children's future must be considered. Try every means in your power; be careful, hopeful and cheerful; do your part. Then, if you fail, you will have nothing to regret. A broken-up family, especially where there are children, is the most sorrowful thing in the world.

Mrs. L-y: Do not let the temptation overtake you to spend all of your husband's income. With three little ones you say it is hard to save, but if your husband should be ill or sickness come into your home, you would have to do with less. Save some thing of your income, if ever so little, and you will be very glad that you need not worry about what you will do to provide for the little ones.

I would not advise you to do what you suggest until you are sure you can succeed. Take best care of the little ones, the sunshine of every home and the hope of old age.

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Thoughts for 1905.

If solid happiness we prize,
Within our breast this jewel lies;
And they are fools who roam:
The world has nothing to bestow;
From our own selves our joys must flow
And that dear hut—our home.

Cotton.

The Young Mother.

The quietness and peace which should, under ideal conditions, attend the birth-chamber, giving hope, joy, and strength to the new-made mother of "the sweetest baby ever born" is too often marred by doubts and fears common to that ignorance called inexperience. However, this anxiety bears good fruit for though inexperience is no disgrace, every earnest mother may soon learn the essentials proper to her and the baby's condition, the season, climate, etc., being of importance.

The first need of baby is warmth; the cause of its first cries is the change of temperature felt at birth and for this cause all thoughtful mothers provide warm cuddlesome "receiving blankets," and insist on a first bath of oil freely and carefully rubbed into every inch of surface. (Failing to obtain oil you may use lard; vaseline is used in some hospitals.) I prefer olive or sweet almond oil delicately scented.

Winter babies and swaddling suits—this is a proper combination. The simplicity of construction and ease of washing mean much. The first month should be spent not as an exhibit—a common evil custom—in flowing, too well ventilated robes, but in snug coziness a la bundle or swaddling suit style. To this feature I add nightcaps and ah! such dear little faces look so sweet in tiny frilled caps! If I could I would start a revival of nightcaps for bald babies.

We will discuss swaddling suits and baby's other garments later on; meanwhile swathe in blankets galore, babies who are received in cold weather. We now will consider some aspects of infant feeding and, firstly, some hindrances and dangers, some aids and blessings in natural or breast feeding of babes under three months of age. Next month I hope to approach the graver questions of artificial foods under various phases of partly or wholly artificial feeding due to various causes, some of which I shall name.

It is a grave mistake yet one all too common, to delay putting the little stranger to the mother's breast. The loss is harmful to her, delaying her recovery very much. The many possible results from this neglect are all bad ones; for instance, very often babies need to be coaxed to suck successfully. One infant at whose birth I assisted was fed by the hired nurse on paps, etc., and not allowed the breast "till the milk came." The mother not having been instructed and having a very small, depressed nipple naturally was now confronted by a combination of difficulties. The breast was, of course, tense and hard—and the nipple fairly retracted; the ache of it was severe and caused much extra labor to the foolish nurse lest "gathered breast" set in. The child grew weary of useless efforts and ceased trying to suck. It was now put on the bottle—a pitiful cheated baby whose mother had yearned to nurse it. At two months old I was called in to see it. Famine had done its worst; it lay gasping, moaning, the mother trembling as she tried to cook another hopeless mess of food, the father, grimly white—such

agony! But baby lived! Yes, a proper food and a sensible doctor saved him, but why need it have occurred?

The first care of the breast on the first day is to wash it with a boracic solution and keep it warm. (Every one may obtain a pattern of the Butterick Pattern Co., known as the Florence Nightingale and very useful as a bed-wrap.) As right here arises a daily need for borax, let me advise you there is one economical brand of such unrivalled purity it should be dubbed Mothers and Babies brand. It costs quite a little to buy boric acid or even borax of the average druggist.

Have a roll of absorbent cotton and use it both to wash the breasts and to absorb the excess of milk on the third to fifth days; also to clean baby's mouth and eyes. As you have had advice so often you have doubtless been preparing both breasts and nipples. If not I pity you for no other pain is so hard and so needless, it seems, and it occurs when one is too weak to be brave.

You may obtain some relief even if you will follow my simple rules. Anoint the nipple several times daily (before confinement) with a mixture of equal parts of Tincture of Myrrh and Tincture Golden Seal. Continue this after baby arrives until no pain is felt in nipple during act of nursing. Rub the breast gently with warmed oil daily, wash the nipple with a swab of cotton and borax water after each meal of baby's and again anoint with above tincture. No harm arises if this be forgotten to be washed off ere again nursing the babe; however it should be removed.

Be dainty with your personal care. The odor of a cloth long retained, worn over a breast so full as to discharge itself involuntarily, is offensive. Many women do not consider how it seems to offer a breast wet with perspiration to a hungry child. Having your roll of cotton and jar of borax water ready, it need never occur. Also do not use a cloth save as breast supporting bandage. In this lay squares of absorbent cotton and experience a new sense of combined warmth, dryness and relief.

As the milk "runs in" so fast avoid too much liquid. Have a breast pump ready; this and a bath thermometer, syringe, three quart size, and bed pan should be in every house. These are "necessary expenses" which none save the very poor should question, and for these may there ever be some neighborhood Samaritan to aid.

Opinions differ about how often to nurse baby at first. From experience and using good nurse sense I should regulate it according to conditions, although having a fixed system for average cases; for instance if the babe is delicate or seems chilly and lacking body heat during the days preceding the milk, I consider it no harm to lay the little one on its mother's arm or let it nurse as often as every one and one-half hours, since there is no great amount to draw. During rush of milk, however, I like best to use breast pump first on each breast

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Fresh Sausage Always.

BY MRS. W. M. KNOER.

I want to tell the readers of Vick's Magazine the very best method of keeping sausage meat. I notice so many writers recommend making up little cakes of the sausage and packing in glass jars after which they cover with fresh lard then seal up as when canning fruit. Now this is all right but I know a far better way and it does not need sealing or glass cans either. We all know the delicious taste of "Grandmother's old time" sausage over the modern sausages. Now the writer will tell you how to have some just like it. All sausage to be at its best should be stuffed tightly into casings made from the intestines of the hogs. Some people object to these as not being clean, but if you cleanse them yourself, you will know that they are just as clean as you make them, according to your own work. Use the smaller ones always, as the large ones do not clean so easily and the sausage does not taste so well where there is so much in bulk. Never use any water in grinding or in stuffing if possible to get the meat through without. After it is all stuffed, cut in lengths of about five to ten inches, lay in a large dripping pan and fry it in a moderately hot oven until about one-half cooked or at least very hot clear through. Drop each piece into an earthen jar, and keep adding one layer after another until the jar is full, or all is fried. Now put on a very heavy weight (flat irons are good) and cover with the grease that fried out of the sausage or lard to the top of jar. When cold, dig out the irons and fill the space with hot lard. Cover the jar with a cloth and set away in a dry atmosphere. Now this will surely keep a year if you let it alone. The trouble is in letting it alone. When frying, be sure to stick the fork through every casing two or three times so that all the water may run out as it will mould if the water is not cooked out. It is best to put up in jars holding not over two or three gallons each as they keep best after once being opened. When once opened it must be used from at least every three or four days anyway, or it will mould on top. Now every reader who will stuff her sausage this year who has not done so before will do so hereafter and if packed like above it will not tear all up when taking it out of the jar, neither does the lard need warming up to get it out, unless very hard. Try it. Cook some when using it.

How I Made my Old Carpet Look New.

I had a carpet that faded until it was all over an ugly "dirt" color, while it was still perfectly good. I could not afford to lay it aside, so I set my wits to work to see if I could not improve its appearance, and this is what I did.

I had all the dust beaten out, and spread it down in an unused room, and took a brush and soap and water and went all over it, to get out any spots, etc. After it had dried some, but while still moist, I took a quantity of large, smooth, oak leaves that I had gotten from the woods, and laid them at regular intervals, all over the carpet, securing them in place with pins, around the edges. I placed so as to form somewhat of a border, connecting the leaves with twigs from the trees, as naturally as possible. After they were all in place, I took diamond dye in a dull shade of green, or olive, and mixed with hot water until I thought I had enough to go over the carpet and with a watering pot with a fine spray, I sprinkled all over the whole thing with the green dye, as evenly as I could. I then left it for several days or until it was entirely dry. When I took off all the leaves and twigs, the effect was a mottled green ground, with leaves scattered all over it, and was very pretty indeed. I then took some paint, made quite thin, with spirits of

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Roosters and Ducks.

BY MRS. SALLIE A. HUMES.

Young roosters do not fatten easily and to avoid overfeeding my flock I remove two friers from the rest, shut them in a small pen in a cool, rather dark place, and feed all they will eat, of corn, kafir corn, and table scraps. On Saturday I take out one for Sunday dinner and replace it with one from the flock. Two weeks is long enough to put them in fine condition, and longer would not prove beneficial, as the forcing process would soon produce disease. They are fat and the meat sweet and juicy.

Last summer I raised five ducks for the holiday dinners. I kept them in a small pen only a foot high, until they were feathered, and fed them bread crumbs, oat meal and cabbage and turnip tops.

Now I have turned them loose, and they live in the garden requiring very little extra feed. I give plenty of water in a shallow pan which has to be replenished many times a day.

We do without many luxuries on account of a little extra work, but I feel well repaid for the time I spend on my poultry.

Maple (?) Syrup From Corn Cob.

BY EVA RYMAN GAILLARD.

If the readers of this article laugh loud, and long, I shall not blame them for I laughed when I heard of the syrup, and laughed every time I thought of it until I had eaten some—then I stopped laughing and just wondered, for I was obliged to confess that if I did not know it was cob syrup I would have endorsed as the real maple product.

To those as incredulous as I was I will say: Get half-a-dozen large red corn cobs; wash them thoroughly and boil in a quart of water until it has taken the color of the cobs.

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It seems like a joke, but it is a good one to play on people who like maple syrup and can not get it.

Protection for Young Fruit Trees.

BY MRS. P. C. BAYARD.

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In The Garden



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The New Year.
As we, like Santa Claus, have far to travel to visit all our friends, we have to take an early start. So on this pleasant December day the best greeting I can send you, is wishing all a Happy New Year and bespeak its choicest blessings upon all. As I look out over the broad expanse of garden ground, I see not a green thing growing but rather the mounds where all the vegetables lie snuggled up in their "winter heap." Is it then an inopportune time to say much along the lines of gardening? Well, we reply that we must be instant in season, and out of season, so we say to all begin the new year with earnest thinking and definite plans for garden work in 1905. In thought at least, go carefully over your garden grounds, study the soils and locations, then, if possible, determine where various vegetables will likely give the best results.

Garden Selections.
Nearly every one succeeds best with the things he likes best. Some of us who garden for both pleasure and profit have to set our faces resolutely against both likes and dislikes and compel, if possible, the latter as well as the former to succeed. But in our home gardens, for the most part, we consult our personal tastes and palates; so it is well to study both the vegetables we desire to grow and the soil in which they are to be grown. Now we must not forget to make generous selections. In fact, plan as largely as space will warrant, and then add a little to that. We will hardly have too much, but if so, some neighbor will very likely be lacking. Anyway some plan can be devised to prevent anything from going to waste. This study will prove deeply interesting as also very profitable and we shall see how much more easily and rapidly the work will go on in the spring. This train of thought very naturally suggests

Soil Adaptation.
With high aim and diligent and intelligent effort we have a right to expect the richest of rewards. A helpful study then, will be the nature of the soil at hand and the demands of the crops we desire to grow. As instance—cabbage, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, egg plant, etc., require plenty of water, and succeed only indifferently upon high dry ground. So, too, with celery and onions. All these like cool moist soils best, excepting perhaps the egg plant, but all are gross feeders and must have plenty of plant food, and moisture. This doubtless is true of vegetables in general. But many of us have not these conditions, so what then? Why, simply do not be discouraged but take the best we have, and make the most out of it. In small gardens we can hardly follow this adaptation to any considerable extent, but fortunately we can usually make conditions with small areas. How? By thorough culture and liberal feeding. The past season has demonstrated and pretty thoroughly convinced me that these two agencies will bring the vegetables even on poor soil with little water.

It is early yet to speak of this but lay it carefully away, and the dry weather of next summer will set you hunting it up. Now with plenty of water either well, or from other sources, we can do much and even succeed will during the dry weather. In general, I do not like the hose or sprinkling can, although very useful in cleaning the plants when dry and dust-laden. I like best to apply the water through shallow trenches. Now if we have the hose together with sufficient force to carry the water when it is needed, so much the better. But small areas can be watered by carrying and pouring into the trenches. This of course, requires considerable water, but if not plentiful, then trench the indi-

vidual plants, always filling up and leveling after the water has soaked away. I have done this many times and prefer it to sprinkling or pouring the water upon the plants. But more of this later on; and now we desire to introduce

A Letter.
This communication is from one of our friends in Washington and we shall insert it entire, as we very much desire to induce others to write also. G. S. Ellis, North Yakima, Wash. "Your articles in Vick's Magazine on forcing rhubarb have been very interesting to me; and I want to ask a few questions which I hope you will answer. 1. Does it require old roots for forcing? Could they be divided in halves or quarters, or should they be whole when placed in position? 2. Will one or two years old roots make a profitable crop? 3. How close should they be placed together? This is a good market and I am thinking of building an out-door cellar for forcing."

We are glad to receive this letter and have answered it personally; and also answer through Vick's to induce others to make their wants known also.

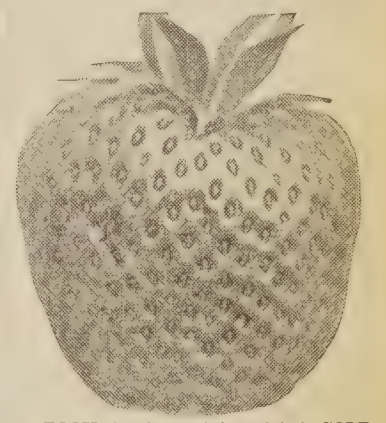
1. Old roots are best, provided they are not run out and enfeebled. If strong and large, the heavier the clumps, the larger the crop. 2. They should be left whole for the forcing process, but when transplanted in the spring they may be divided in halves or quarters or even smaller. 3. Very little could be expected of yearling roots. Two years old would make something of a crop; but three or four years old roots will of course do better. The principle is that the larger the clump the more eyes it contains and the more force it has to expend in pushing up the leaf stalks. 4. After the clumps are solidly frozen, trim them up evenly and place them as closely together as possible. Sufficient alley way should be left at convenient places for getting through to harvest the crop; but otherwise all the space can be utilized. With good markets as you say, you ought to do well and we shall hope to learn of your success later on. Also if failure should come, be even more careful to let us know, and perhaps we can find a way out of the difficulty.

In Conclusion.
February will be our garden number. Now we want it to be a helpful one; and teeming with garden experiences from all over the land. We wish all communications to reach us in good season so send them in at once. A hearty response to this will surely make a helpful number to us all. Just a word or two more—how many can send in a name or two to become members of the Vick family? We can rest assured that we shall confer a real favor upon every one whom we can induce to join our family circle.

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Provided these have been properly cared for during the summer and fall, until early spring, they will require little attention other than careful protection from their natural winter enemies the rabbits and mice.

Now in nearly every case, it is the young and not the old trees that are in danger from these mischief makers for they seldom if ever attack the latter. Our city and village readers have little or nothing to fear from our enemy of the long ears; but the rural districts are never safe so long as a rabbit is left unhung.

As protection against these marauders, many expedients are resorted to, and all doubtless have more or less merit. Low headed trees especially of the peach family are often injured by the cutting off of the lower limbs. The rabbits seem to enjoy the browse and will often reach quite high to bite off a branch. In such cases, the wire netting or tarred paper protectors, in other instances quite effectual, will hardly fill the bill. A thin coating of pure white lead and oil is said to be an infallible protection; or rubbing the bodies and lower branches with hard soap is equally effective. Wire netting or tarred paper wrapped around the bodies of the higher growing trees will insure their safety either against the mice or rabbits. A correspondent in the West of quite extensive experience wrote me that he had used corn stalk wrappers with the best of success. His method is to cut the stalks any desired length, then with a sharp knife split them in halves and place them around the trees with split side in, and tie in place with string. This plan while said to be perfect protection against both the tree enemies has the merit of costing nothing save the time required to do the work. In the spring, the strings are cut, and the stalks are allowed to fall upon the ground. The wire or paper protectors are tied in the same way and in the spring can be taken off and laid aside for future years. The mice whether in city or country we always have with us; and though but little creatures the damage wrought by them often runs high up into the millions. For protection against them, no straw or litter of any kind should be left around the trees; but instead it should all be removed and replaced with earth. Five or six inches of clean soil is none too much to place around them; and this with packing the snow close around them will nearly insure against the ravages of mice.

The Bush Fruits.

These ought to be kept clear of litter of every kind for a foot or more around the hills. Clean soil is far safer as the mice do not relish crossing it to get to the canes. So place this around them during the winter and in early spring it can be quickly replaced with manure or coarser litter and the plants will be much benefited. My experience has been that for summer, the more mulching they have the better they withstand the heat and drought.

The strawberries will not be in danger from mulching, as the mice will hardly disturb them. It is already late for this work in many localities at least, but better late than never, so if possible cover them even now. They will stand con-

siderable covering; but of course this can be overdone as they are liable to smother under too much. The winter cover has two advantages as it protects from the freezing and thawing of early spring, while at the same time they are held back from too early blossoming.

The Other Class.

Above, we have been talking to those who are already started in fruit growing; and to many our talk may be an old story. Doubtless, there are others to whom the advice will be welcome. But another class of our readers and we fear this is by far the larger; as yet, are not interested in the work. To these we say there is hardly a city or village lot but that has its spare nooks and corners where a fruit tree of some kind will do nicely. Even a small plot of strawberries if well kept, will surprise the grower in its yield of fruit. You may have some place even considerably shaded by trees or otherwise. Such places will grow nice crops of blackberries and black raspberries, for really they love the shade and will usually do well in such places provided they have plenty to eat in the way of plant food.

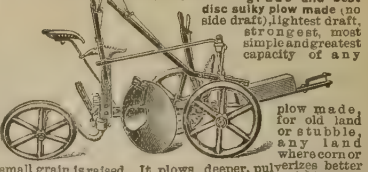
Well, where there's a will there's a way, and the thought we wish to impress is—let us all brace up our wills and work them to the fever point so that when spring comes there will be no other remedy or way of reducing the temperature than to go at it and plant out the fruits best adapted to our requirements and surroundings.—*John Elliott Morse.*

Apples Rotting in the Cellar.

Two or three correspondents have complained about the rotting of apples in their cellars, and ask what to do about it. The probability is that in most cases the apples had been handled badly and were slightly bruised. This might not show at a casual examination, but it will surely start decay. Of course, another difficulty is in cellars that are too warm and too dry. Still another trouble arises from the very common notion that an apple cellar must be ventilated every mild day. This is exactly what is not wanted. The cellar should not be opened, except to enter it, all winter, especially on warm days. My advice to people who buy one, two or three barrels of apples, hoping to have a winter's supply, is to open the barrels as soon as received. Take the apples carefully by hand and lay them in shallow bins or on shelves.

Keep your cellar as moist as possible and the thermometer close down to freezing. Close it as tight as possible, and darken it. You can then use your apples that show incipient decay first of all.—*E. P. Powell in Tribune Farmer.*

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Agriculture as a Source of National Wealth.

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Horses and mules reach the highest point this year, with an aggregate value exceeding 1,354 million dollars. On the other hand cattle, sheep, and hogs all show a slight decline.

The steady advance in poultry leads to some astonishing figures. The farmers' hens now produce 1 1/3 billions of dozens of eggs and at the high average price of the year the hens during their busy season lay enough eggs in a single month to pay the year's interest on the national debt.

After a careful estimate of the value of the products of the farm during 1904, made within the census scope, it is safe to place the amount at 4,900 million dollars after excluding the value of farm crops fed to live stock in order to avoid duplication of values. This is 9.65 per cent above the product of 1903, and 31.28 per cent above that of the census year 1899.

Some comparisons are necessary to the realization of such an unthinkable value, aggregating nearly five billions of dollars. The farmers of this country have in two years produced wealth exceeding the output of all the gold mines of the entire world since Columbus discovered America. This year's product is over six times the amount of the capital stock of all national banks, it lacks but three-fourths of a billion dollars of the value of the manufactures of 1900, less the cost of materials used; it is three times the gross earnings from the operations of the railways, and four times the value of all minerals produced in this country.

The year 1904 keeps well up to the average of exports of farm products during the five years 1899—1903, amounting to over 859 millions, while the average for the five years was nearly 865 millions. During the last 15 years the balance of trade in favor of this country, all articles considered, exceeded 4,384 million dollars, but taking farm products alone, these showed a balance in our favor of more than 5,300 millions.

—Report Secretary of Agriculture, 1904.

Forest Leaves for a Covering.

On my seed farm, located near the sea-coast, I was accustomed to help protect my seed cabbage from Jack Frost by the use of that variety of seaweed that is there known by the name of eel grass. This grows along the less exposed portions of the coast, where the water is shallow and the bottom sandy. Being ribbonlike in structure and slow to decay, it is excellent material to retain a layer of air, and so help protect from frost the cabbage below, under their covering of about six inches of earth. On my seed farms in the country, which are located too far back from the coast to make eel grass accessible, I have substituted for it forest leaves. Cord for cord, I do not consider these so valuable for this purpose as is eel grass. Leaves differ a good deal in value as protectors from frost. Such as are supplied by the elm, willow, apple and evergreen trees are not worth collecting, for, having little substance to

them, they mat together and so retain but little of the non-conducting air. Decidedly the best of all are those from the oaks, for these are large in size, and have that woody structure which prevents them from being matted together by pressure from the layer of hay we spread over them. Our plan of keeping seed cabbage through the winter involves first a covering with about four or five inches of soil, then about the same depth of leaves, and finally another of about six inches of meadow hay.—J. J. H. Gregory in *Tribune Farmer*.

Birds and the Boll-Weevils.

The expert whom Miss Helen Gould sent to Texas to investigate the problem of finding a bird that will destroy the boll-weevil has returned. It did not take him long to solve the problem. He says the weevil is the natural food of birds indigenous to the State—the quail, the meadow lark, the dove and other birds of their class, the "ground scavengers." With plenty of these in the cotton fields, there need be no fear of the boll-weevil.

The same is true of many other sections of the country. It is true in Pennsylvania. When insectivorous birds were killed off, the insects increased and multiplied. They cost the State millions of dollars every year in destroyed or injured crops, and we spend much money for insecticides, but continue to kill off those natural enemies of insects, the birds. Perfect fruit is a rarity in the market and commands a high price, because most of the product has been stung by insects or eaten by caterpillars. Every product of the garden suffers from their ravages, but the only foe that rouses our indignation is the robin; we persecute him because he eats a few cherries and strawberries, although he destroys immense numbers of insect pests. But that's the kind of people we are.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Farmers should profit by the experiments made at the various state experiment stations. Their conclusions have a cash value. It costs money to experiment. Every progressive farmer should see that his name is on the list for the experiment station bulletins.

Late Publications of Interest to Farmers.

Applications for Government publications should be made to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.; for State publications address the Experiment Stations in the respective states.

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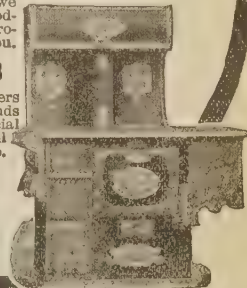
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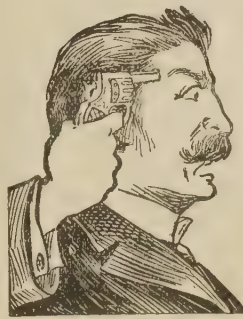
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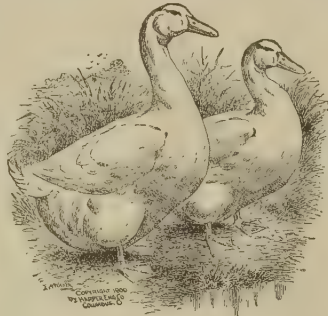
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Profit in Ducks.

Duck culture has proved to be a profitable source of revenue with a good many. In some parts of the country it has become a business of itself. Near the large cities the growing of "green" ducks (quick grown and marketed between two and three months of age) has been carried on for several years to quite an extent. A few ducks may be kept at a profit almost any where, while they are a water fowl they do nicely without more than what they want to drink, they should be kept on well drained land and should have dry houses, and during hot weather they must have a place where they can get in the shade, as they are extremely sensitive to the heat of the sun. Ducks are subject to but few ailments as compared with chickens, cramps and leg weakness are the two common complaints but these can generally be avoided by keeping the ducklings warm and dry at night, and not allowing them to run in the wet grass. They grow rapidly, about twice as fast as a chicken. If well fed and cared for will get most of their growth in four months. I believe no other large fowls are so easily managed in close quarters. They have some draw backs, however, they are, of all fowls the most difficult to dress, and when not dressed as they should be are very unsalable, hence if grown in large numbers, it is best to employ experienced workmen to pick and dress them.

Except for some special market, April and May are the months to hatch ducklings. The manager of one of our Long Island duck ranches figures their growth about like this: A Pekin duckling when



out of the shell weighs two and one-fourth ounces; one week old, three ounces; two weeks, five and one-half ounces; three weeks seven and one-half ounces; four weeks, one pound, three ounces; five weeks, two pounds six ounces; six weeks, three pounds, twelve ounces; seven weeks four pounds twelve ounces; eight weeks, six pounds twelve ounces. So it is seen that they increase in flesh very fast. Some are against ducks because the young ones are such large eaters, which is not to be wondered at when we see how rapidly they grow.

The system for raising chicks cannot be applied to duck raising with success. A duck is differently constituted from a hen and must be differently cared for. A very good way of feeding is as follows: For the first three or four days a boiled egg and bread crumbs, then for two weeks, equal parts by measure of corn meal, bran and second grade flour, then add to this ten per cent of the bulk of coarse sand, moisten this to a crumbly state with milk, not cooked. From this time until eight weeks old feed same as last rations to which add ten per cent of the bulk in beef scraps and twelve per cent green foods, green rye, oats, clover, etc. Mix with water until crumbly and feed four times daily up to this age. After this feed only three times a day and add a few more beef scraps. Ducks that are intended to be kept over for breeding purposes should not be given

as much fattening food. Too much forcing in their growth weakens them, hence they do not make as good breeders. For these give corn meal, bran and green food equal parts, five per cent beef scraps, and same of sand or grit. When it is time for them to begin to lay give equal parts corn meal, bran and Quaker oats, five per cent beef scraps and five per cent grit, and all the fine cut corn fodder, clover or oats they will eat up clean. Another good laying ration is equal parts shorts and corn meal, with ten per cent beef scrap, and when green food is not available give one-fifth of bulk in cooked vegetables in the mash, the most natural diet of ducks is grasses, vegetables and animal food. As above stated it is not absolutely necessary for them to have more water than for drinking purposes, but a pond or water range is found beneficial in the following ways: better fertilized eggs; the ducklings are stronger and the old birds keep in much nicer and cleaner shape. Water should be kept near the feeding place, as the food clogs them up more or less and they run to the water and wash off their bills and drink a little. Place the drinking water so they can not get into it, or it will soon be too foul for this purpose. Keep the feed troughs and fountains clean, in fact every thing about them. Plow up the yards if you can and sow them to rye in the fall.

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Winter Feeding and Care of Laying Stock.

In feeding laying hens the principal object to work for should be to maintain as much as possible, continued and steady egg production, and to accomplish this, regularity in feeding of a variety of food with plenty of exercise are the prime factors. In cold weather when the hens are shut in, and especially if confined in rather close quarters, too much importance can not be attached to the matter of abundant exercise. Having experimented a good deal along this line, I well know the value of exercises for laying hens. When I see my hens busy scratching and working in the chaff and straw I know I am going to get some eggs soon, and if you feed and care for them so as to keep up this activity it will surely bring good results. To a certain extent it is the same with fowls as with a person. A man who takes no exercise from morning till night will suffer from cold much more than the one who works. Even the former may be in quite a warm place, but his blood does not circulate as it should, hence he is all the time cold. Just so with a hen, if she don't work she will suffer from cold. Her egg-making apparatus may be in working order, but it will not work; the eggs may be there but they will not

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develop, and so long as she remains in this condition she will be worthless as an egg producer. To be sure as soon as the weather warms up and the snow goes off so she can get out and pick around she will begin to lay. But if we want to make her profitable during the late fall and early winter, when eggs are high, we must induce her to work at this time. Watch the flock closely, so to see that they are busy the greater part of the time.

Another important thing in feeding in cold weather is to have the food and water a little warm, or at least with the chill taken off, so as not to rob the fowls of all the heat in their bodies to warm up the food. This is necessary, especially with the evening feed, for if given ice cold it will take several hours to warm it up to the detriment of the fowls. Corn is an excellent evening feed, and hens generally show a preference for this rather than any other food, but it is too fattening to be given freely. Wheat, barley, oats and buckwheat, equal parts mixed make a good grain ration to scratch in the litter. For the first feed on a cold morning I often give boiled oats. Put them over the night before and boil two or three hours, then allow them to steam so as to be quite free from excessive moisture. Buckwheat is also improved by boiling. In this shape it is an excellent egg making food for cold weather. Just as soon as it becomes freezing weather so the hens can not secure insects and bugs, fresh cut bone and meat should be given. A good many make the mistake of allowing the hens to go too long in the fall without this kind of food. They consequently get out of condition and produce no eggs, and then it takes twice the effort to get them in shape for laying that it would, had they not been neglected.

We should endeavor to keep the appetite good. It is a good sign when the hens come out quickly and partake of the rations freely. This indicates thrift and good health. It is, however, necessary for the successful poultryman to look after many things besides the feeding; other conditions must be equal. A dry clean building is equally important.

The Demand for Fresh Eggs.

It seems rather strange that more attention is not given to the demand for fresh eggs. There are a good many farmers and others living near good markets who could have a nice business if they were inclined to give the work proper attention. That all who undertake it do not make a success at poultry keeping I am well aware. Some people will fail at most anything they take hold of, but I believe that a great many of these failures are due principally to the fact that many engage in the business on a large scale without first computing the cost and the phases of the selling part of it. Some men go into the business extensively from the start expecting it to pay whether they give special attention to it or not, but this is not the way of the poultry business at all. This egg trade is a great business and there are many places in the country where it is difficult to reach a good market, but generally in this case the producer has the advantage of cheap land, and feed at a low cost. But even in quite small places, near by villages of one to two thousand people there is almost always a market for a few eggs at from two to four cents per dozen above the market. Hotels and boarding houses use a good many eggs, and would use more than they do if they were always sure of the eggs being fresh? I often hear people remark that they like eggs and would enjoy eating one or two every day, but it is so hard to get those that are fresh. Take store eggs and those picked up through the country by dealers and how can they be fresh. A man goes out on the road buying eggs, he don't candle them as he picks them up and when he gets home and finds three or four dozen in a case that are off a little he don't want to lose them, so he shoves them along to the next man who does likewise and the consumer soon gets them. They were perhaps not very bad when they left the producer and may not be so bad when they reach the consumer but what he will take and use them, but they are not palatable. They are not of the kind

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Poultry Keeping for Women.

Poultry raising is a business that is peculiarly adapted to women. There is not much heavy work about it, and if things are conveniently arranged that part may be got along with very nicely. Almost any woman who is able to run a washing machine, carry in water, wood and coal, and shovel snow from the walk, is well able physically to take care of thirty or forty fowls in good shape. I would not advise branching right off in this work on a large scale. To commence with, invest in a half dozen birds of some good all round variety and work up to your full capacity from these. But before engaging in the business to any extent, be well satisfied in your own mind that you like hens, which, if you find that you do, you will make no mistake in going ahead and investing in more and better stock and preparing a suitable place to keep them. It matters little what any woman undertakes, if she was intended for that business she is bound to succeed, and nine times out of ten if you tell her she will not make anything keeping hens she will just "light out and win anyway." You can't keep her from it. Women, as a rule, will be more kind and careful in their attention to poultry than a man could be if he tried, and this counts a good deal, especially in raising chickens and winter care of laying hens.

A woman is a success in many ways in caring for poultry. She will raise a chicken when the old hen herself can't do it. For three years I have been trying to get the start of a neighboring farm lady raising chickens, but in vain. Give as close attention to the work as I may, she will come out ahead every time. Her poultry has no more range than many village residents could give their fowl. Her hen houses are hardly of the ordinary kind, and other conveniences, such as coops, runs, etc., are of the most common sort. She does all the hatching and brooding with hens; seldom gets any chickens out before the middle of April and some times first of May, but when October rolls around you will find a lot of well matured birds on the premises. They seem to grow when others stand still. She arranges to set several hens at the same time, then when they hatch, place as many chicks with one hen as she can care for properly, giving to a good sized hen twenty chicks, thereby dispensing with several, or perhaps one-half of the hens, as mothers. As the chicks hatch out and get up on their

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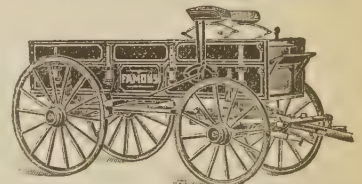
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feet in good shape she takes them from the nest and places them all together in a large box or basket by the kitchen stove, where they remain for a day or more; then they are divided up among the necessary number of hens and given a light feed of rolled oat meal and wheat bread moistened with milk, care being taken not to have the feed too wet. After about one week they are given Johnny cakes and that sort of food. Two years ago, from 168 chicks hatched she raised 100. I have tried to imitate her plans and systems, following along in the same lines as closely as possible, but when we came to sum up along towards fall she was ahead.

A woman will go to the coop with a dish of feed, tap on the slats with her hand to imitate the old hen and the chicks will rush out and eat, even if they have just been fed; they do it seemingly just to please her. Lots of us fearless chicks know how that goes. With some women, when they engage in this work, it is necessary that they overcome a few of their natural propensities, one of which is to grab a hen by the tail when removing her from the nest, with a view of breaking her up from setting. The tail of a hen should not be regarded as a handle.

I frequently receive inquiries from women concerning this or that feature of the poultry business, inquiries which I never tire in answering.

Questions and Answers.

Are barley and peas good feed for poultry, and what is the value? Barley is a good and economical poultry food, but peas are usually too high in price to be an economical food, although a very good food. The latter contains about twice as much flesh-forming food, but not as much bone-forming substance.

The legs of our hens are covered with hard scales. What is the cause and remedy? A mite that works under the skin causes the scales to form. There are several remedies; soaking in warm water will remove them, and afterwards rub on lard and kerosene mixed, or dip the legs in kerosene, holding them there about a minute; two applications will usually remove the scales, then apply vaseline.

Induce Exercise.

No practical poultryman questions the importance of keeping laying stock busy, and I noticed recently a plan of bringing this about that was new to me.

In a six by ten scratching shed were placed partitions about two feet high, dividing the floor off into four sections, and in each small pen, three by five, was placed the litter. There was about twenty-five hens in the flock and they were continually jumping from one pen to another in search of food. The litter in the pen was kept loose and dry, and all the grain fed this flock was scattered in the straw. It is the nature of hens to exercise freely when they have their liberty, but when in a restricted enclosure some inducement must be provided to give exercise and the above plan contains strong element of common sense.

Raising Ducks.

As I do not like to raise chickens, some five years ago I turned my attention to duck culture. Having seven fine Pekin ducks to lay, I sat every egg under chickens, setting two at a time, and giving all the little ducks to one hen. I set each hen on fifteen eggs, and almost every egg hatched out a good strong duckling. I placed them in warm, sunny dry places, and fed them first on cornmeal bread mixed with two thirds the amount of onion top cut very fine. At first there would be an occasional few that would not try to eat. To them I gave a lump size of small pea, placing it far enough down the throat that they could swallow it easily, giving three or four bites at a time; in an hour I fed all again, feeding all that refused to eat.

Keeping this up every hour or two, for the first few days, they grew readily from the start, and were soon eating greedily. I raised 167 ducks the first year, feeding one and one-half pecks of cornmeal, one bushel of bran, and one two-bushel sack nearly full of screenings from the flouring mill, which was composed of weevil-eaten wheat, cockle and cheat seed.

Ducks require a large amount of green food, knowing which, I fed them, after they were a week old, onion, lettuce, radish, beet and cabbage leaves shredded very fine, dampening it all over, and sprinkling lightly with bran, meal or screenings. The first week they were fed with cornbread or wheat bread crumbs mixed with onion or lettuce leaves.

After they were feathered, all green feed gave out, so I tried sweet potato vines. They did not like these very much, but by sprinkling with bran they devoured it quick enough, and how fat they did get! We killed some for home use, and they had the best taste of any ducks I ever ate.

We had to sell them early before the duck market opened here so they brought but fifteen cents a piece. Could I have kept them home they would have brought twenty-five cents each by November 1st.

Mrs. W. M. Knoer.

Squab Raising.

CONDUCTED BY J. A. SUMMERS.

We invite our readers to write to Mr. Summers at his home (Chalfont, Pa.) and ask any desired questions. Those of general interest will be answered in the magazine.—Ed.

Query 1—How large should an enclosed fly need be for squab breeders? 2. How large should nests be? 3. What is the best breed of pigeons to raise large market squabs? Mrs. M. C. R.

Answer 1.—A fly to accommodate fifty pairs of birds should be at least fifteen feet by twenty feet and six feet high. 2. Nests should be twelve inches square and six inches deep. Two nests for each pair. 3. The Homer is the best breed. They have large plump squabs, weighing eight to ten pounds to the dozen and demand from three to six dollars per dozen. Their flesh when dressed is always white, never dark. All squab raisers use the Homer pigeon.

Query—My birds get very thin, have loose bowels and die from exhaustion. What should I do? A. S.

Answer—Your birds have what is termed Going Light. Advise keeping such birds separate from the rest. Give them hemp seed, and good wheat. Give the breeders plenty of grit, oyster shells, and keep pens clean. Lack of grit is one main cause of this disease.

Query—What profit can be derived from a pair of pigeons in one year? Chas. J. K.

Answer—If mated and young birds of good size, demanding best market prices for squabs, \$1.00 or over can be realized by one pair of birds. A man or woman with 1000 pairs of good birds has a very good business.

Query—What space is required for 100 pairs of birds? Oscar K.

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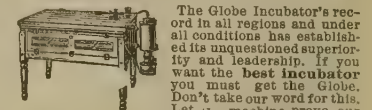
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is sufficient, although larger is better. Would advise only thirty pairs in one pen; they breed better than in large numbers.

Frequently letters come asking how often and what pigeons should be fed. They should be fed twice a day just as much as will be eaten up clean. Wheat, good old cracked corn, peas (Canada) hemp seed, in fact anything in the seed line except rye, which scours them. Wheat and corn are the staples. The other high priced grains and seeds are used only occasionally as a change and are used sparingly, especially hemp seed.

In cold weather have all windows and ventilators closed. The worst thing is a draught. Through the day when the birds exercise the holes can be left open but at night closed. They get enough air.

How much to feed pigeons is often asked. There is such a thing as over-feeding and nearly all beginners are too good to their birds. If the birds have a lot of squabs, thirty pairs will require about eight quarts a day. One must use judgment in regard to this. When but few squabs, six quarts is sufficient.

Query—My birds are lousy, what should they nest with? I use straw cut short. J. C. S.

Answers—Tobacco stems exclusively is the best and only thing. I never saw lice on all the thousands of squabs I have killed. I use the stems.

In winter it is not necessary to give the breeders hot water to drink. Give fresh water as it comes from well or hydrant, and they drink it, thrive on it and even in the coldest weather take a bath in it. A receptacle several inches deep and holding a bucket of water should be before them at all times to allow them a bath when they wish.

Salt is a necessity for pigeons. Have a boxful always before them. Feed sparingly at first as they are liable to eat too much and die if not used to it.

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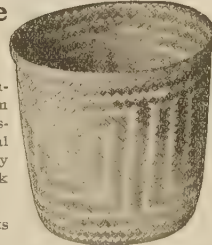
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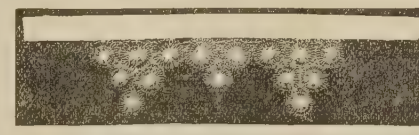
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For The Children

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of trills as is the shower from the hose on the plants, or a regular thunder storm outside, each and all elicit a quick response. We seldom see one during day time, as they snuggle close in the axile of some leaf, and being always the color of their perch, whether leaf, bark or moss, it is difficult to locate the sound however shrill, but the tremor of the plant more often reveals the little acrobat. I believe their skin is so sensitive that it takes on the color of their resting place naturally, but it does not change so quickly as does the chameleon. This little creature will at once, assume the color of whatever it is placed upon, even to the bright blue of one's own gown.

The tree toad comes out in the dusk of the evening, and drops from leaf to leaf, first reaching one long arm out and placing a foot on the distant leaf, letting go with all others and drawing up to it, or creeping carefully across a window pane, and before it is sufficiently near to alarm a fly, it has disappeared down its capacious throat, when the trick will be repeated until the flies or your curiosity is exhausted.

They are more noisy at night and I have never become so accustomed to their serenades but that I awaken with a start at the first trill, so unlike the soft music of the early morning songs of little "Teddy," the canary, beginning low and sweet as a lullaby, whilst in his late evening entertainments his notes ring out loud and clear almost continuously, according to the conversation and applause elicited.

On the approach of winter, although the temperature of the room remains the same, true to instinct every little tree toad tucks itself away, making a slight depression in the earth, beneath the moss and we loose sight of them all until late in April. Many a little truant has come to an untimely end by accident, from having neglected to leave his sign out during this period of hibernation.

Late one April, it was our pleasure to celebrate both a wedding and a silver wedding, when gay voices of both old and young mingled cheerily with the busy tinkle of knives and forks, and true to himself "Teddy" was doing his utmost to drown the noise of the entire assembly, when froggie unwilling to be ignored or outdone, and although he had dozed for a six months, struck in with his shrill treble to the surprise and delight of all present. Our professor's wife spoke up "Why! what bird's that?" much to the amusement of the rest of us. I felt a little as if he were an unbidden guest, but he seemed fully at home and master of the situation, which with the merriment he had occasioned won from all a welcome, when he responded promptly to the hearty encore.

How Cowslip Saved Him.

In the Highlands of Scotland it is a kindly custom to give names to the cows as well as other animals. A Scotch lad had three to care for, and all three had names. The red cow was Cowslip, the dun was Bell, and the black was Meadow Sweet.

The cows knew their names like three children, and would come when called. "One day," the boy tells us, "I was not with them, but had been given a holiday, and had gone up on the side of the hill. I climbed until I was so high that I got dazed and lost my footing upon the rocks and came tumbling down and snapped my ankle, so I could not move."

"I was very lonesome there. It seemed to me that it was hours that I lay there, hitching along among the bracken. I thought how night would come, and nobody would know where I was. I could not move for the anguish of my foot. It was of no use to call, for there was naught in sight save the cows, skirting against the sky. My heart was fit to break, for I was but a lad, and mother looked to me for bread. I thought I would never see home again."

"After a while I spied a cow beneath, grazing on a slip of turf just between a rift in the hills. She was a good, long way down, but I knew her. It was Cowslip. I shouted as loud as I could, 'Cowslip! Cowslip!' When she heard her name she left off grazing and listened.

"I called again and again. What did she do? She just came toiling up and up, till she reached me. Those hill cattle are rare climbers."

"She made a great ado over me, licked me with her rough, warm tongue, and was pleased and as pitiful as though I were her own. Then, like a Christian, she set up a moan, and moaned so loud and long that they heard her in the vale below."

"To hear a cow moaning like that they knew meant that she was in trouble. So they came a-searching and seeking. They could see her red-and-white body, though they could not see me. So they found me, and it was Cowslip that saved my life."—*Presbyterian.*

How a Stove is Made.

The story of how iron ore is transferred from the mine, and transformed into a stove is a fascinating one, and as we desired to get the fullest information regarding the process, our editor visited the great factory of the Kalamazoo Stove Company at Kalamazoo Mich., recently. Mr. William Thompson the genial president of that company is a veteran stove maker of thirty years experience and prides himself on making as good a stove as it is possible to make and in selling direct to the consumer at prices far below what similar stoves sell for in stores. This plan of selling is so popular that it was necessary to add to their already large plant last year, and they are about to erect another mammoth building 250x300 feet.

In making a stove it is necessary to first make a "pattern" of each part from wood or metal; this pattern is then embedded in fine moulder's sand which is tramped firmly about it thus making an impression or "mould" the exact shape and size of the pattern. Into this mould the molten iron is poured from a ladle carried by two men. After cooling in the molds the cast parts are cleaned of the sand which adheres to them and put into a "tumbling mill" where they are tumbled until the rough spots are made smooth. The parts which are to be nickeled are then polished and sent to the nickle room where two heavy coats are put on in an electric bath. Mr. Thompson states that with such heavy plating the nickle will never wear off or become discolored. After the parts are cleaned and nickled they are passed on to the assembling room where the stove is put together and blacked ready for shipment. To see the 130 men at their work one would think it very simple but great skill is required to do the work properly. Moulders earn from \$3.50 to \$7.00 per day.

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Pieces to Speak

Never Give In.
Never give in, girls,
Though off you are fain,
When hope fades before you
And labor seems vain;
Strive onward, keep doing,
Somewhat they must win,
Who keep the straight pathway
And never give in.

The clouds o'er the valleys
Will gather, and hide
The sun that illumines
Hope's clear mountain-side.
Strive onward in patience
When rest shall begin,
To those 'twill be sweetest
Who never give in.

Be strong, true and patient,
Hope all things and pray,
Heed not the rough places
That cumber the way,
The crown of the victor
One day they shall win
Who bravely strive forward
And never give in!

Golden Days.

Snow Birds.
On twinkling wings they eddy past,
At home amid the drifting,
Or seek the hills and weedy fields
Where fast the snow is sitting.

Their coats are dappled white and brown
Like fields in winter weather;
But on the azure sky they float
Like snowflakes knit together.

I've heard them on the spotless hills,
Where fox and hound are playing,
And while I stood with eager ear
Bent on the distant baying.

The unown fields are their preserves,
Where weeds and grass are seeding;
They know the lure of distant stacks
Where houseless herds are feeding.

O cheery bird of winter cold,
I bless thy every feather,
Thy voice brings back dear boyhood days,
When we were gay together.

John Burroughs.

Winter Birds.
Girl—
The trees are bare, and the fields are gray,
And all the birds have flown away,
In the far off South they flit and sing,
And oh, it's a long, long, time till spring!
What shall I do, what shall I do,
With never a bird the winter through!
Birds—
We are not all gone; here are a few.

Girl—
I am so glad! What birds are, you?
Crow—
I'm the blackest bird that ever you saw,
I am a crow. Caw! Caw! Caw!
I have the name of being wise,
And certain it is, that I use my eyes.

Quail—
I am a quail, I love to stay
Along the hedges and in the bay.
In winter days, when the sun shines bright,
I whistle my song, "Bob White! Bob White!"

Chickadee—
I love the winter, love to stay,
And cheer the people along my way,
I am bright and happy, don't you see!
And my name and my song is Chickadee.

Woodpecker—
In the cozy grove I find my treat,
Of worms and insects, fresh and sweet,
For storm or snow, I don't care a rap,
For I am woodpecker, Tap! Tap! Tap!

Jay—
I am a jay. On a frosty morn,
I take my meal in the farmer's corn,
The boy's say "Shoo!" to chase me away,
But I laugh and chatter, "Jay! Jay! Jay!"

Girl—
My dear bird friends, how nice of you
To stay with us the winter through!
A bird's gay song, when the skies are drear,
Is the sweetest sound that one may hear,
And here is a secret: In snow and wet
When food is scanty, don't you fret,
If you come, you will get your supper
from me,
In our back yard, by the old apple tree.

Jane W. Reed.

To-day.
Why grieve o'er errors of the past?
Why need our future sway?
The past don't make us right or wrong.
'Tis what we are—Today!

Old "Yesterday" has lived its life.
Why linger 'mid its sorrow?
It bears no part in future joy.
Forget it for—Tomorrow.

'Tis grand "Today" must rule supreme.
Away with care and sorrow.
The joy of living right—Today
Will make us glad—Tomorrow.

Jesse E. Campbell.

Dick's Disease.
It's a "catching" disease that poor
Dick's got, I fear,
So if you've not had it you'd better
'steer clear."

It often the woodbox keeps from being filled,
The faucet's left running till the water is spilled,
The horse for his supper oft goes without grain,
Dick's new coat is left lying out in the rain.

In the hall lay the letters which should have been mailed,
To run his night errands he grievously failed!

Now the trouble with poor Dick you've guessed like as not—
For perhaps you have had it—the disease "I-forgot!"

Young People's Weekly.

The Maiden and the Blue Bird.
"Pretty little blue bird,
Won't you tell me true,
Why you wear a brown vest,
With your suit of blue?"
"O, little maiden, truly,
While flying very low,
Brushed against the brown earth
Long and long ago.

"And once, my little maiden,
While flying very high,
My back and wings went brushing
Against the summer sky."

Saucy little blue bird,
Singing, off he flew,
With his pretty brown vest
And his suit of blue.

The Educational Repository.

The Sunny South.
The sunny South has blossoms rare,
And birds that sing the whole day through;
Her hills and dales are wondrous fair,
Her tender skies are clear and blue.

The sunny South has mountains tall
That cast their shadow far and wide;
Her streamlets rush and romp and fall,
Yet seek the ocean's restless tide.

The sunny South has men of worth,
And women 'dorned with grace untold;
The dearest homes on all the earth
In sunny Southland we behold.

Ruth Raymond.

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If you are sick we advise you to consult the *Vick Family Physician*—if you are not paid in advance subscriber to *Vick's* it will pay you to become one at once. See our special coupon and clubbing offer in this issue.

Miss J. G. S.—Dressmaker, says—I have been troubled for years with constipation. Have been advised not to use cathartics as they are not natural. I have occasional headaches, gas in stomach and bowels and other symptoms of dyspepsia. I get nervous and cross. What shall I do?

You say cathartics are not natural. I believe you are right. But is sitting still all day sewing, running a typewriter, a telegraphic instrument, a telephone exchange, or keeping books natural? Then you have taken your case more or less out of nature's hands and must continue to look after it. Even at that you can only assist nature. If you can do so in the case of the constipation resulting, by drinking more water, eating more freely of fruits and cereals and less freely of cakes, pastry and meats than in a state of nature; and take plenty of exercise, nature may do the rest. If not, keep the bowels regular by some means. By using enemas you may; but failing with that, use cathartics or laxatives by all means, rather than suffer from the ill effects of constipation. One of the best laxatives is phosphate of soda—a teaspoonful dissolved in a glass of hot water and drunk before breakfast. If this is not sufficient, take a similar dose before the noon meal. Still failing, take a third before the evening meal. Mineral waters, Friederichsbal or Hunyadi. Pill Cascarin Comp. is an excellent laxative, as is also the compound Podophyllin pill. Whatever you use, take enough to get results, and establish a fixed habit of going to stool at a given time every day, whether so inclined or not. The habit should be as regular as going to meals.

W. J. H. writes—1. I once in a while have white sores on my tongue or lips. They are very painful, and at the time of their appearance I have no appetite. They appear to be caused by indigestion. (a) Are they? (b) If so, what kind of indigestion? (c) What are they called? (d) How prevent their appearance? (e) How cure them when they do occur? 2. I have valvular trouble of the heart. At least so says an eminent physician of St. Louis. Please give me your advice as to how I should live. I have had the trouble just three years. I never notice it unless I wake at night. I read your article in this month's *Vick's* and wish to congratulate you on its helpfulness. These new departments *Vick's Magazine* are putting in are very helpful and will prove, no doubt, a very wise move on their part. Yours very respectfully, W. J. H.

I. (a) Undoubtedly they are. (b) Acid, from fermentation of undigested food. (c) They are ulcers—commonly called canker sores, or cankers. (d) By avoiding predisposing cause, which may be exhaustive—from too much head work under high pressure; too much nerve strain from any cause—worry, excitement, etc.; too little sleep; too little exercise; or they may be caused by too little exercise in proportion to the food taken. Or they may be caused by eating too fast, or even by taking too little fluid at meal time. There is a lot of bosh said and written against drinking at meal time. If you will follow the rule that I give and drink the amount of fluid you crave during the meal, you will not take too much. That rule is, never drink while you have food in your mouth. The food should be chewed until it is fine enough and moist enough to be swallowed easily without washing down. Swallow it alone—then drink if you feel like it. Drink what? Cold water is best; if ice cold water does not agree with you taken as above directed—drink hot water. One cup of coffee taken with breakfast, and one cup of tea with the evening meal, by the rule given, will not disagree with most people—adults. If it does, let it alone. Children should not drink tea or coffee. Cold water is best for them. If it disa-

grees with them they may have cambric tea, i. e., hot water with milk and sugar, cocoa, graino, caramel cereal or postum cereal. Chocolate is good but causes indigestion sometimes. (e) Eat very lightly, drink freely of water, get at the druggists dozen tablet triturates containing one-tenth grain of calomel each. Take one every hour until the bowels move freely, and in twenty-four hours, or at most, forty-eight, your cankers will be forgotten. 2. You notice the heart trouble when you wake at night; you do not describe symptoms, whether pain or palpitation. This trouble that you notice, is probably caused by gas distending the stomach and pressing against the heart, displacing it and embarrassing it in its work, which work is harder on account of the valvular trouble. People with heart trouble should not eat large meals. It were better to eat four smaller meals than that one of the three should be too large. Is it not true that when you wake at night with heart symptoms you have been out to a late dinner, have eaten heartily and have drunk coffee? At such times eat less and take little or no coffee, and take a moderate walk of a mile or more before retiring. Get a box of "Doucettes" and take two at bedtime if you feel you have over eaten. If your druggist does not keep them send twenty-five cents to *Vick's* magazine for a box. Take exercise, moderate, in the open air every day. Follow these directions and you will outlive many of your friends who have no heart trouble.

James R. H. says: Every time I get chilled or get my feet damp I have neuralgia in my face. Have two decayed teeth. I have sour stomach most of the time and my digestion is all out of order. What shall I do to get right?

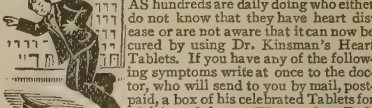
Of course you have sour stomach. Recurrent facial neuralgia and recurrent toothache are nearly always due to indigestion with hyperacidity—too much acid. Have those teeth filled. But if they are too tender for present filling, prepare the way by the following. (1st) Keep the feet warm and dry. (2nd) Take one-fourth teaspoonful of cooking soda in a cup of hot water at once, and the same dose an hour after each meal. (3d) Take a tablespoonful of castor oil or a compound cathartic pill at once, and repeat night and morning until the bowels move freely. (4th) Eat more slowly, thoroughly chewing the food. As soon as the soreness is out of the teeth, have them repaired; old snags taken out. Then if you have too few teeth, get more in. If you cannot or will not do that, then you cannot escape the penalty. You cannot keep well, hence you cannot keep happy. That is nature's dictum, not mine. I am only the interpreter. But if your tooth aches now, you want it stopped now—right off before it becomes ulcerated, for then only the dentist can help it, either by lifting it out or opening the abscess, through the root of the tooth; or the doctor through the gums or jaw. So in addition to the above helps, which take time to work, get from your druggist, and have always on hand, a phial of Toothache Lullaby, which I think is the best remedy for toothache. The directions come with it. If you cannot find it send twelve cents in stamps to *Vick's Magazine* and they will get it and mail it to you free.

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A Pipe Rack in Pyrography.

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toretto out of a frame, or one of the Genie of the garden?"

"Yeth," answered the child gravely, "I'th Genie. I'th come to gavver flowers. Hath oo? Don't you want some my flowers?" condescendingly holding out a branch of his own sweet peas.

"I just want one flower, one little human blossom about your size; I guess you'll do. May I have you?"

"I deth not. I fink my auntie wants me. See wants all dese flowers too. Pease go 'way man so my auntie'll come."

Attracted by the flutter of a garment at the little wicket gate in the wall, which standing open revealed a stretch of green sward beyond, Theron glanced up quickly, and across the blossoming expanse of sweet peas; across the years of sorrow and disappointment; across all the trouble which had loomed so large between them, looked straight into the eyes whose light after all nor time nor distance nor distrust had ever dimmed for him.

The surprise was complete—the defences down on both sides. Pride's wings are quick but not so quick as Love's; and before anything could be done by either toward self-defense tell-tale eyes had declared the truth beyond all denial; and hands warm clasped in hands and heart to heart, throbbed with a rapture not expressible in words.

Later when happy in the joy of reconciliation the lovers sat in the shadow of the roses. Theron found that it would not do to show any partiality in the bestowing of attentions for Genie would put up her rose-bud lips now and then and say "me too" in a manner which showed she meant to claim a share of all favors going.

Some little time after this when a certain "den" which over-looked the garden was in process of reconstruction, the pipe-rack entirely finished, (including a view of the garden, Genie, and sundry other scenes with one of a bridal party,) appeared on the wall, to Theron's utter bewilderment.

"Where in the name of thunder did that come from? Can the sea give up its dead?" demanded Theron in the awed voice of one who sees a ghost.

"O, Genie and I picked it up on the shore one day at low tide," explained Rosylind.

"Why I pitched it over the rail off Sandy Hook," sheepishly admitted Theron.

"I don't doubt it," laughed Rosylind. "I saw that it had been but a little while in the water. I knew that you were coming back to me, for I felt that if you had kept this souvenir so long, that you had not quite forgotten the old days nor me; and I knew that somewhere and somehow we should meet again."

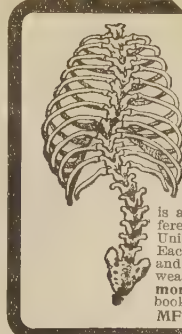
"And that we only needed to meet to have our little misunderstanding explain itself away; but, say, Rosylind, I have never smoked yet—'spose I'll have to learn now."

"Because I bestowed a Chinese idol on you once upon a time you did not find it necessary to burn joss sticks did you? Possessing a pipe-rack doesn't necessitate your learning to smoke."

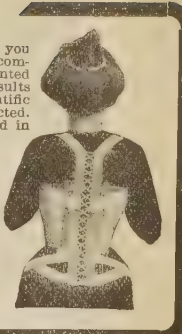
"I suppose then you consider yourself equal to doing sufficient smoking for the house when you burn 'py'" suggested Theron, with the nonchalant air of the newly married man who has not yet been convinced of the error of his ways in the matter of perpetrating puns. "But tell me, Rosylind" he urged presently, "How do you explain the phenomenon of that pipe-rack drifting a hundred miles to shore and being cast at your very feet—yours of all people;—and how we two so seemingly by chance drifted about like two rudderless ships and then came at last to anchor side by side? To me there is something uncanny in it."

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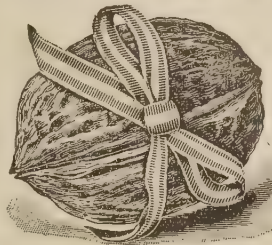


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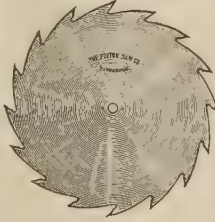
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spoon salt; one-half pint boiling water; one and one-half pints tepid water; one cake Yeast Foam dissolved in one-half cup water.

Put the flour, lard and salt into the bread pan, scald part the flour with the boiling water then add tepid water and yeast—beat thoroughly. Set in a warm place four or five hours. When the sponge is very light add more flour that has been sifted, and, in winter, slightly warmed. Knead well on bread board. Early the next morning mould into four loaves and let rise again. It will be ready to bake soon after the breakfast work is done. In hot weather use little less yeast.—(Mrs. Rorer.)

Milk Bread—One pint milk; one teaspoon salt; one teaspoon butter; About two quarts flour or less; one-half cup yeast or half yeast cake. Scald the milk, when cool add butter, salt, and yeast and sufficient flour to make a thick batter; beat; cover and let stand in warm place till morning. Add flour to make dough. Knead, return to bread pan till light; mould into loaves and let rise again. Bake forty-five minutes.

Extras—The best thing about home bread making is the number of good "extras" that you can make. Always save out some of the light sponge to make a Graham or whole wheat loaf or cinnamon buns. Or part of the raised dough can be made into currant biscuit or cinnamon loaf which are delightful additions to the lunch box.

Graham Bread or Whole Wheat—Two cups of raised sponge; add two table-spoons brown sugar. Stir in Graham flour till you can knead it on the bread board. Use white flour to flour the board as too much graham flour sometimes causes that unpleasant hole in the center of brown bread. Whole wheat bread is made precisely the same, using entire wheat flour in place of Graham.

Cinnamon Buns—One cup raised sponge; one beaten egg, two tablespoons sugar; ground cinnamon to taste. Mix stiff with flour till you can form it in tiny rolls with one-third of length; lay close together in a square cake tin; let rise when baked, brush the tops with sugar dissolved in a little milk.

Bread Cake—One cup bread sponge; one-half cup brown sugar; one egg; one-fourth cup butter; one cup flour; one-half cup raisins; one-half cup currants; one teaspoon baking powder; one-half teaspoon each ginger, cloves, cinnamon. Should be stiff as a good fruit cake. Put right in oven and bake moderately slow for fifty minutes.

Currant Biscuit—Take enough light dough for a loaf; knead in English currants and mould into biscuits.

Cinnamon Loaf—Roll out enough dough to fit a square cake tin. It should be about one inch thick. Butter it slightly and sprinkle thickly with sugar and a little cinnamon. The oven must not be too hot for this as it will burn the sugar.

Household Hints.

BY JULIET HITE GALLAHER.

When trimming the lamp wicks do not cut off the brown tinder, it helps in relighting. Rub a cloth along it to remove loose bits.

Put the lamp chimneys on the fire in cold water, let come to a boil and boil ten minutes, remove from the fire in the water and allow them to cool in the water; this prevents breaking.

If the lamp burners are occasionally boiled in weak vinegar, the lamps will give a better and clearer light.

When beating the whites of eggs the addition of a pinch of salt will cause the eggs to come to a froth more quickly.

A little glycerine added to tincture of iodine, will enable the discoloration due to the iodine to be readily washed out.

When making marmelade, catsup or any boiled fruits, wash clean five or six marbles and drop into the kettle, the boiling keeps them in motion and prevents the fruit from sticking to the kettle or burning.

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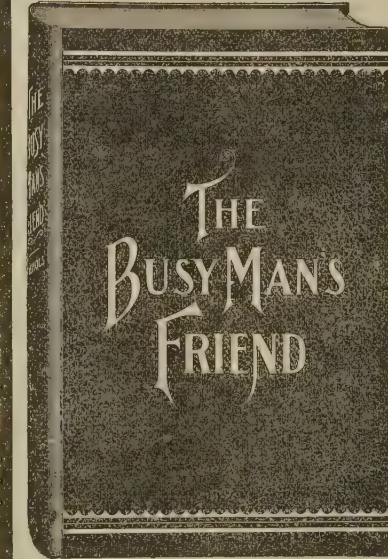
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Mother's Meeting.

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and then apply the infant when but little remains. This is less painful on the nipples and also serves to shape them—but beware of careless, rough usage of breast pumps as a source of incurable disfigurement. (Some nurses are so rough.) After the flow of milk is established, during first two weeks, the pump may well be continued and baby be fed every one and one-half to two hours (the child must be considered in this, as a big vigorous baby may need more than a small, weak one) and allowed to sleep all it can undisturbed by more than necessary baths and changes of linen.

However, after two weeks the average baby may be brought to the two-hour plan to remain until three months old. Less colic and crossness result from using this plan for less flatulence occurs. Inherited liver disorders may cause peculiarly violent colic. Over feeding is a bad feature, too apt to arise with nurslings. It requires much sense to learn how and when to judge whether baby has had enough. To accurately know this, one must weigh baby every week. This was my method and a great comfort. Of course a "baby's record" must be kept of the weights. Overfeeding will not hasten the weight but will require a dose of castor oil (right here I may say I have but recently learned one may obtain an odorless, tasteless castor oil) and a teaspoon dose will by its results, i. e., greenish curdy stools, prove the cause of the indispotion.

For general advice of extreme value to nursing mothers see the books reviewed for my travelling libraries: Particularly plain advice is given in Dr. Foote's "Plain Home Talk and Tocology," Dr. Dye's "Painless Childbirth" and that womanly book for women, Dr. Alice Stockham's "Tokology," and should be known by nursing mothers as a means of prevention, since many needless ills arise to impair the value of that great joy and blessing—the power to nurse a babe. Such delight as a happily endowed woman experiences as she cuddles her wee one, smiling fondly on the sleepy contented face, only a mother who enjoys motherhood can comprehend. Yet—yet only recently I knew a case where a young finely physiqued but self-loving wife, mother of only two, petulantly rebelled against nursing, declared it spoiled her clothing, tied her down, was a bother, etc. Ignorant selfishness was her fault. A little later in the hot summer a suddenly cool day arose just when poor baby had been "weaned." Improperly clothed and weaned while teething, cholera found its hold. She learned remorse and love while she heard the doctor's stern words about improper weaning, as she paced the floor in wildness, clasping the suffering body of her smileless babe until it was taken to the hospital where lake breezes might refresh its failing powers, and where they stood by a wee, white coffin. The baby whom she "hated to nurse" was weaned—forever.

Review of Books for Heartsease Library.

For lack of space I call your attention to the write up I have given "Painless Childbirth," Dr. John Dyes' popular book in next column. The easy style of this book enables every woman to understand its title.

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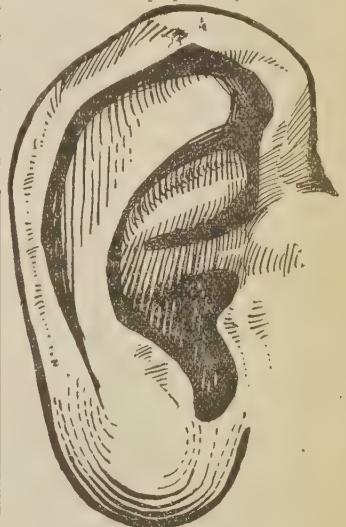
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The Apotheosis of Editha.

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vinced the girl that the time had come when she must do the thinking and planning for them both. Her lover was scarcely in her thoughts, for half unconsciously, she had set aside the memory of their love, as she turned her face bravely toward a life in which the idle girl of the trysts in Willow Glade, and the spoiled pet of her brief butterfly period should have no part.

At last it seemed to her that she could see a glimmer of light. The flowers had reminded her vaguely at first, and then she remembered how when in Pennington, she had sometimes helped to nurse the sick, and they had praised the tenderness of her touch, and the heartening effect of her cheerful presence. It was this which had first brought her directly in touch with George Collier after his long absences at school and work, and she caught her breath in a little sob for she could not help recalling the happy plans they had so often talked over of work together, when she became his helpmeet indeed.

She went to Judge Whitby comparatively calm, not as she first intended to ask his counsel, but to seek his help toward a place on probation in the Merivale Hospital. An after thought caused her to keep to herself her reasons for taking the step, for she respected Miss Sally's pride, and would do nothing to humiliate it unnecessarily. It was no use for her to try to foresee as yet a provision for this Spartan aunt of hers, and while she knew that she must be two years in the hospital, if she got the place, Miss Sally if left to herself, would carefully husband all that was left after her reckless plunge into Oldenburg society.

Judge Whitby listened to Editha attentively, watching the weary, flushed young face which spoke of a reason she could not put into words.

"Are you sure your mind is made up to this, my dear?" he asked. "Is it not an impulse which you may regret? I do not ask what prompted you, but I know it is not merely a silly fad."

"No it is not a fad, but I have been silly enough for you to have believed me capable of it," she replied. "I must do something—some kind of work. A change in our circumstances, of which I only learned today, makes it prudent for me to do so."

"You do not care to tell me more, my little friend?"

"No please; if I were the only one, I should be glad to tell you, but there is Aunt Sally, and you know—"

"Yes, I know," he answered smiling back at her. "As to this place in the hospital, I think I can manage that. The annex is almost finished, and more beds will naturally call for more nurses."

"And the gentleman who built the annex, will naturally have a pull—isn't that what you call it?"

"Exactly, my small diplomat, but if you wish me to use that pull for you, you must be very patient, and wait here as my guest until I can bring things to pass," he said kindly, and it pleased him that Editha neither wept nor gushed over the granting of her wish. They talked together, until Editha through the open window, saw the carriage stop at the door, and Miss Sally and Mrs. Whitby come in from their daily drive.

She turned to Judge Whitby. "There were a dozen bouquets sent me today. Do you think I might carry them now

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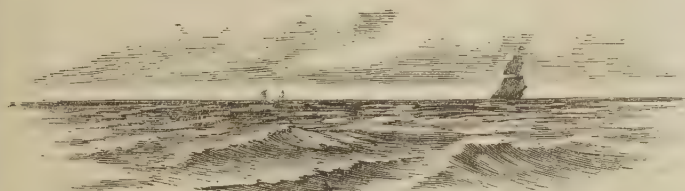
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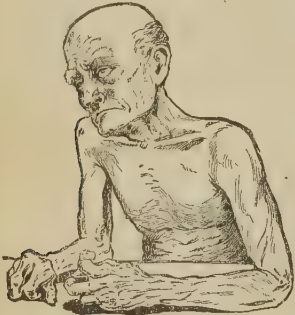
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The Apotheosis of Editha.

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CHAPTER VI.

The early days in the hospital were not made easy for Editha. The nurses had smiled upon and admired her when she had trod the wards flower laden, a creature far removed from the world they knew there—the smells of disinfectants, and the sights and sounds of infirmity, but now they smiled in a different way upon what they thought the passing caprice of a society girl, and because human nature is what it is, it was not counted unto poor Editha for righteousness that she was the protegee of the hospital's wealthiest patron. The atmosphere, natural and psychic, was distinctly unfriendly to her, and Editha had frequent moments when she was almost overcome by the strangeness of it all, but the brave old Van Brunt spirit was now well roused in her, so she set her teeth and kept steadily at work, scrubbing floors, and cleaning instrument as by God's law, and at last compelling the unwilling recognition of cynical sister nurses.

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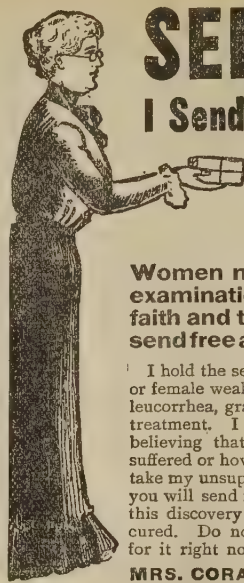
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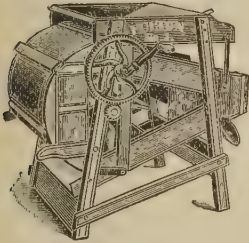
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Training Pet Dogs.

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corked bottle of medicine and present it to the waiting patient. They were simple little tricks, all of them, probably all that the great lazy fellow could be prevailed upon to accomplish. They had been taught with little difficulty out in the yard at meal time, with dinner as the reward of going through the ceremony. But he invariably remembered the three commands, "shake hands," "put out your tongue, and let me see if you are sick" and "go and get a bottle of medicine." And his staleness and gravity in performing these little feats so appropriately in the doctor's office made him appear a really remarkable dog to the waiting patients.

Jumping the hurdle is a trick easily taught in connection with jumping through the hoop and similar "circus tricks." The fortunate little trainer who possesses a number of canine pets will delight in curious marching and parade manoeuvres in which they can all take part.

Even the most unaccommodating little fellows, that are otherwise difficult to teach, will quickly fall in line when the others are performing. And with a little patience and ingenuity on the part of the trainer, the playful laggards at the end of the line of march appear quite as intelligent and enthusiastic as their leaders.

Squab Raising.

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to six months of age but are at their best at one to two years of age and on up to five years.

Breeding pigeons should be fed differently in cold weather than in summer. A good system at this season is to feed three-fourths wheat (red), one-fourth peas in the morning soon after daylight, and a full meal of corn, coarsely cracked, at three p. m. In place of peas, hemp seed can be used occasionally; but wheat in the morning and corn in the afternoon will keep them breeding well all winter. About January 1, the birds start in breeding in earnest, and keep it up until they moult in the Fall. A good pair of birds should have eight pairs of young a year, some have more. At this time of year squabs are high as there is a scarcity, so it pays to give them a little extra attention.

Items of Interest.

There is considerable risk incurred in shoeing vicious horses, both to the blacksmith and to the horse itself. To remove this risk altogether an Australian has invented a sort of wooden cage, the sides and top of which are padded. The horse is led in, the door is fastened, and the cage is then turned completely upside down.

The time necessary to convert living trees into newspapers was recently tested in Elsenenthal, Australia. At 7:35 in the morning, three spruce trees were sawed down; at 9:34 the wood, having been stripped of bark, cut up and converted into pulp, became paper, and passed from the factory to the press, whence the first printed and folded copy was issued at ten o'clock. So that in 145 minutes the trees had become newspapers.

Cats, large and small, make the most careful toilet of any class of animals, excepting some of the opossums. The lions and tigers wash themselves in exactly the same manner as the cat, wetting the dark, rubber-like ball of the fore foot and inner toe and passing it over the face and behind the ears. The foot is thus at the same time a face sponge and brush, and the rough tongue combs the rest of the body.

A Swiss engineer has undertaken, for a Franco-Swiss company, to construct a system of transmission for electric power which will deliver in Lyons several thousand horse power daily, in the form of electricity. The source of the power is to be found in the waterfalls of the Alps, about 125 miles from the great centre of silk manufacture in France. The French are depending more and more on the "white coal" of the mountain streams, as they express it.

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F. L. Stanton.

Farm Fancies.

BY JOE CONE.

An abandoned farm is better than a neglected farm. The cry, "farming doesn't pay," is an echo of the dim, dead past. The more one studies a good, farming paper the better farming pays. Don't let two blades of grass grow where one grew before—if it's in your strawbery bed. Put out some fruit trees now and then; your grandchildren may be fond of fruit. Good roads mean good farms, good going, good prices, good neighbors and good times. Don't trim your trees so high that the boys can't get the fruit; you can't yourself with profit. Chicken wire has done more good for some communities than street cars and electric lights.

The Old Farmer's View of It.

A few days ago we came across a story in an English paper which left its impression upon us. An old farmer came in from the country to make a short visit to his son, a recently graduated physician. The father had helped the boy through college and medical school at considerable sacrifice, and was naturally interested in knowing how he was succeeding.

"Well, how are you getting along, my boy?" he asked. "Sorry to say, I'm not getting along at all," was the boy's disconsolate answer. "Business doesn't seem to be coming my way very fast, and it's hard work keeping up."

The old man's face fell, and it was evident that he was grievously disappointed. But that afternoon he went with his son to the free dispensary and clinic where the young man had an appointment. For several hours, an intensely interested spectator, the father watched the son as he prescribed for and operated upon a long line of waiting patients. When it was all over, he turned to his boy and remarked:

"I thought you said that you didn't have anything to do?" "Oh, well, this, of course; but it doesn't bring me in anything—there's no money in it."

"Well," said the old man, with enthusiasm glowing in all his features, "if I could do as much good in a month as you have been enabled to do here this afternoon in a few hours, I should count myself supremely happy. Never mind the money. You just keep right on doing as you are. I'll go back to the farm and make money enough for both of us."

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Items of Interest.

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Excavations in Rome prove the city to have existed long before the time of Romulus—so the story of his founding the eternal city is as mythical as that of his being suckled by a wolf.

Oysters are examined by X-rays for pearls by Raphael Dubois, a French investigator. The oysters are not injured, and those containing pearls too small to be of value are returned alive for further growth.

Respite For Word-Hunters

Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed because so short a time was allowed for contestants in our word-hunting competition to get their lists in. Owing to the busy holiday season they have been employed with other matters and have allowed the time to slip by. In view of this we have decided to extend the close of the contest to March 6th. We must decline, however, to make any further postponement, for this will give everyone who is anxious to try for the prizes full opportunity to enter.

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Within their violet eyes
This message: "Spring doth somewhere hold."
The world is harsh, the world is cold,
Its skies seem ever gray;
Yet in thine eyes, mine eyes behold,
To make less hard my way,
This message: Spring doth somewhere hold."

Feeding The Birds.

To the winter birds, food is the most important of all things, and if the food is regularly offered them they will make daily journeys to the feeding place. Crumbs and seeds will attract sparrows of many sorts. Small grain will bring the quail, the doves, the jays and the black-birds. Meat or fat will lead woodpeckers and chickadees and nuthatches and brown creepers and kinglets to become daily visitors to the home, and after they have learned the location of the food, they will continue their visits, even tho' now and then the supply should be forgotten and the visit be fruitless.

After the food has been put out for the birds, it may take a few days for them to find it, and we should not be discouraged if immediate advantage is not taken of the proffered hospitality. For the food offered to the grain-eating birds, a place should be chosen which is sheltered and warm and care should be taken that the supply be not covered up by snow, and that if devoured by the domestic fowls it shall be renewed. It will be found that after the birds have discovered the food the news of it will spread rapidly and the number of those which come to eat will constantly increase. For the flesh-eating birds, strips of meat or bits of fat should be tacked up in the trees, and renewed from time to time but often the red squirrel discovers these supplies before the birds do and devour them with great relish. It may thus be necessary to choose between feeding the squirrel and feeding the birds, but the farmer usually has little liking for the red squirrel which destroys the corn in his crib in a most impudent and offensive way.

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To cleanse the stain of earthly sin and woe.
And in her chastened lap awhile to show
Fair visions that in heaven did late afford
A radiance, by the white-robed throng adored,—
The stainless purity that seraphs know—
A fleeting symbol of celestial grace,
To purge the blot from Nature's face defiled,
Inspiring sordid man to upward glance,
A few brief hours, from strife and clamor base,
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A Faithful Sheep Dog.

One night the herder brought in his flocks and hurried to his cabin to cook himself some supper, for he was more than usually hungry. But he missed the dog, which usually followed him to the cabin of an evening to have her supper. The herder thought it rather strange, but made no search for the dog that night. But when he went down to the corrals the next morning he found the gate open, and the faithful dog standing guard over the flocks. The herder in his haste the night before had forgotten to close the gate, and the dog, more faithful than her master, had remained at her post all night, though suffering from hunger and thirst.

On another occasion this same dog was left to watch a flock of sheep near the herder's cabin while the herder got his supper. After he had eaten his supper he went out to where the sheep were and told the dog to put the sheep in the corral. This she refused to do, and although she had no supper, she started off over the prairie as fast as she could go. The herder put the sheep in the corral and went to bed. About midnight he was awakened by the loud barking of a dog down by the corrals. He got up, dressed himself and went down to the corrals, and there found the dog with a band of about fifty sheep, which had strayed off during the previous day without the herder's knowledge; but the poor dog knew it, and also knew that they ought to be corralled, and she did it.

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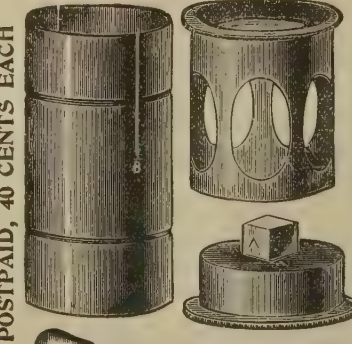
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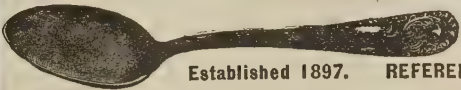
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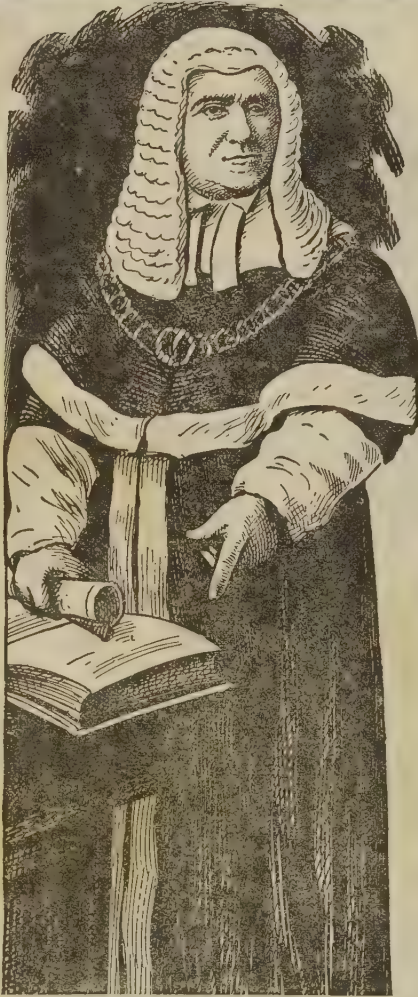
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To say whether it is or it isn't; whether you will or you won't; whether we are right or wrong. We leave it to you entirely, for you to decide. **The only evidence** we want to submit is a dollar package of **VITAE-ORE**, which package we want you to use, and at our risk. All we ask is a fair verdict. If we see the receiver can truthfully say that its use has done him or her more good than all the drugs and doses of quacks or good doctors or patent medicine he or she has ever used. Read this over again carefully, and understand that we ask our only when it has done you good, and not before. **We take all the risk, you have nothing to lose.** If it does not benefit you, you pay us nothing. We give you thirty days' time to try the medicine, thirty days to see results before you need pay us one cent, and you need not pay us the one cent unless you do see the results. **You are to be the Judge!** We know that when this month's treatment of VITAE-ORE has either cured you or put you on the road to a cure, you will be more than willing to pay. We know Vitae-Ore and are willing to take the risk.

Sent On Thirty Days' Trial

READ THIS SPECIAL OFFER.

WE WILL SEND to every worthy sick and ailing person who writes us, mentioning **Vick's Family Magazine**, a full-sized \$1.00 package of **VITAE-ORE** by mail, **POSTPAID**, sufficient for one month's treatment, to be paid for within one month's time after receipt, if the receiver can truthfully say that its use has done him or her more good than all the drugs and doses of quacks or good doctors or patent medicine he or she has ever used. Read this over again carefully, and understand that we ask our only when it has done you good, and not before. **We take all the risk, you have nothing to lose.** If it does not benefit you, you pay us nothing. We give you thirty days' time to try the medicine, thirty days to see results before you need pay us one cent, and you need not pay us the one cent unless you do see the results. **You are to be the Judge!** We know that when this month's treatment of VITAE-ORE has either cured you or put you on the road to a cure, you will be more than willing to pay. We know Vitae-Ore and are willing to take the risk.

FROM THE EARTH'S VEINS TO YOUR VEINS.

What Vitae-Ore is: Vitae-Ore is a natural, hard, substance—mineral—Ore—mined from the ground like gold and silver in the neighborhood of a once powerful, but now extinct mineral spring. It requires twenty years for oxidation by exposure to the air, when it slacks down like lime, and is then of medicinal value. It contains free iron, free sulphur, and free magnesium, three properties which are most essential for the retention of health in the human system, and one package—one ounce—of the ORE, when mixed with a quart of water, will equal in medicinal strength and curative value 800 gallons of the most powerful mineral water drunk fresh from the springs. It is a geological discovery, in which there is nothing added or taken from. It is the marvel of the century for curing such diseases as

Rheumatism, Bright's Disease, Blood Poisoning, Heart Trouble, Catarrh and Throat Affections, Liver, Kidney and

Bladder Ailments, Stomach and Female Disorders, La Grippe, Typhoid Fever, Nervous Prostration and General Debility,

as thousands testify, and as no one, answering this, writing for a package will deny after using. **VITAE-ORE** has cured more chronic, obstinate, pronounced incurable cases, than any other known medicine and will reach such cases with a more rapid and powerful curative action than any medicine, combination of medicines, or doctor's prescriptions which it is possible to procure.

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PERMANENT CURES. In making the claim a quarter of a century ago that **Vitae-Ore** is the best thing in, or out of the earth or "saving clause," knowing from our experience and from the experience of a few who had already used it at that early date, that its virtues and curative properties would fully substantiate this claim; that it was the best, not only because it gave relief from pain and the effects of disease, but that it cured the disease, and cured it effectually and permanently, hence the reason for the lines we have so often used in our advertisements and literature: "**Get Cured and stay cured,**" and "**Not only immediate relief, but a permanent cure.**" Too many preparations are put on the market and advertised to give relief, to few to cure.

The test of a medicine is not so much in the experience and immediate testimony from the use of one package or bottle, but in the experience of people written months or years after they have used that one package or bottle, and who testify that it cured them at that time, and that they have never had a recurrence of the malady. How many of the testimonials you see published in the papers of the land are such testimonials, how many who testify that they were and are permanently cured by Vitae-Ore has thousands upon thousands of such experiences to its credit. It has been before the public for a quarter of a century. It cured numerous people right after its first introduction, and they have remained cured and are cured to-day. It is curing people by the thousands to-day of all manner of diseases, who will still be cured at a date a quarter of a century hence. We have repeatedly received letters from people who wrote us testimonial letters years ago, now saying that they have had absolutely no return of the trouble or troubles.

Vitae-Ore strikes the disease at its root, entirely eradicates every vestige or trace, and the patient is cured to stay cured. Its cures are permanent and for this reason it itself is a permanent remedy, one that has come to stay, that will grow in popularity and sell more rapidly from year to year, always curing with a permanent cure, always satisfying, always selling.

"Out of the Jaws of Death"

Cured in One Month's Time a Serious Kidney and Rheumatic Trouble,

Was Broken Down, Disheartened and Almost Helpless.

READ what Mr. M. V. Estes, of No. 3 Trinity Street, Atlanta, Ga., who answered our advertisement and received a package of **Vitae-Ore** on trial, says of the medicine:

ATLANTA, GA.—When I look back at my condition and suffering, during recent years, and think of the herbs, roots, barks, tinctures, powders and liniments I have taken and rubbed with all to no purpose, and that I was cured at last in one month with **Vitae-Ore**, I stand dazed and amazed at the result. Indeed, I feel like exclaiming with Mr. Richardson (a correspondent of the New York Herald), on closing an account of his escape from a Confederate prison during the late war between the States, "**Out of the Jaws of Death, Out of the Mouth of Hell!**"

Thirty years ago I contracted a disease of the kidneys and commenced passing gravel from them, the pain often throwing me into spasms. Those only who have passed through this ordeal can give an idea of the suffering connected with it. These spells continued at irregular but frequent intervals, down to a month ago. During all this time my urine was highly colored, sometimes profuse and sometimes scant, but at all times charged with a yellowish, albuminous brick-dust deposit.

About three years ago I was attacked with Rheumatism in my right hip joint, knees and the muscles all over my body. Physicians told me I had Diabetes and marked symptoms of Bright's Disease and commenced to dope me with mercury, soda, lithia, salicylic acid, potash, etc., all of which were constantly constipating me, and nearly everything I ate disagreed with me. You can well imagine my condition and state of mind, I was broken down, disheartened and helpless.

By chance I had placed in my hand a Chicago paper containing an advertisement of **Vitae-Ore**, and, like a drowning man, I caught at it, sent for it, and it has proved to be the "Oar" that enabled me to paddle my frail barque into the haven of health. I used the ore in hot water, and it commenced to benefit me from the first dose. In four days I saw a marked change for the better, and so wrote you. My urine became cleared up and natural in color. In six days the brick-dust deposit was gone. My bowels became regular. I could eat what I wanted, and what I did eat did not hurt me and was perfectly digested. I slept soundly at night without those terrible hallucinations that had haunted my slumbers so long; but, best of all, the pain was leaving my suffering limbs. I could walk without crutch or stick.

Now, after taking a dollar package of **Vitae-Ore**, I say I am better in health than I have been in thirty years. All this wonderful change in my condition is due to the virtue contained in one ounce of Ore taken from Mother Earth. Would that I could impress upon every one suffering with Kidneys, Stomach, Liver, Rheumatism, etc., what I know of the virtues of **Vitae-Ore**. Take it according to directions, but always in hot water, and you will not be long in joining with me in singing the praises of **Vitae-Ore** and praising Theo. Noel for his efforts in introducing this grand boon to suffering humanity. Theo. Noel's name should go down to posterity side by side with that of Harvey for discovering the circulation of the blood, the other for unearthing Nature's means of purifying it.

M. V. Estes

Re-affirmed One Year Later.

ATLANTA, GA.—My faith in **Vitae-Ore** grows stronger every day. I suffered with Kidney trouble for years and never got any relief until I used **Vitae-Ore**, then did the work, and I am still well. Can get insurance on my life in any company that accepts men of my age.

M. V. ESTES.

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That way is taught by the American Society of Equity. This Society will guide you to success if you want it to, and you don't need assistance from any other people or class.

This society has won victories for hundreds of thousands of farmers, and it can help every farmer.

Farmers must not put their faith in politicians, capitalists corporations nor the government. They won't help you.

Nor in agricultural colleges, farmers' institutes or farm papers. They won't teach you what you so much need.

The plan of the American Society of Equity is your only way to certainty of profitable prices. It is for the grower of grain, stock, poultry, fruit, cotton, potatoes, vegetables, etc.

The A. S. of E. never fails to get profitable prices if the farmers want them. Speculators cannot make your prices if you are in this society

You can learn everything and get profitable prices if you learn how. The Third Power book will teach you.

READ "THE THIRD POWER."

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One year ago, when I published this book I dedicated it to "THE LARGEST CLASS, THE MOST DEPENDENT CLASS, THE HARDEST WORKING CLASS, THE POOREST PAID CLASS OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD—THE FARMERS." And now I rededicate it to them by offering it on terms that should insure an unprecedented sale.

Through "The Third Power" I am prepared to hurl such a scathing fire of facts and truths in the enemy's camp, and hold out such hope to farmers, as the world never knew before.

Soon the voice of a million farmers will be raised as one voice against robbing commission men; unfair weighers and measures; unscrupulous mixers and adulterators; speculators, manipulators and gamblers in farm products.

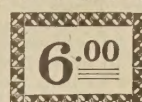
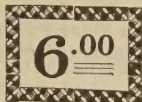
This war against organized exploiters of products and consumers will bring all this great and powerful machinery "dead" against us, but we will have with us the farmers who are fighting for a living, fair wages and a profit equal to any other line of business.

GRAIN GROWERS, STOCKMEN, FRUITMEN, COTTON PLANTERS, POULTRYMEN, GARDENERS, TRUCKERS, TOBACCO GROWERS, SUGAR BEET RAISERS, and all classes of farmers use the weapon I provide on this sheet, and fire twenty-four shots for education in controlled marketing and profitable prices.

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For a Million United Farmers



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We are determined to place a copy of The Third Power book in every farmer's home in the United States and Canada. All that we ask you to do is to fire 24 shots for better conditions on the farm by placing these 24 Coupons with good people and urging them to use them.

Don't lose this bond; don't transfer it, don't give it away. It is worth Six Dollars, which we are willing to pay you for services rendered. Keep it in your pocket. You can sell a coupon or several of them almost anywhere and any time.

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become new men and women in their understanding of agriculture.

I WILL GUARANTEE CERTAINTY OF PRICES AND PROFITABLE PRICES FOR ALL FARM PRODUCTS IF ONE MILLION PEOPLE WILL READ "THE THIRD POWER" BOOK.

This means about 40,000 people firing 24 shots each. The gun, already loaded, is on this sheet, and more will be provided on request.

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They should read my book, so they

will be prepared to meet the new conditions when farmers come to the front. Fire some shots at them.

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Indianapolis, Ind., J. A. EVERITT.

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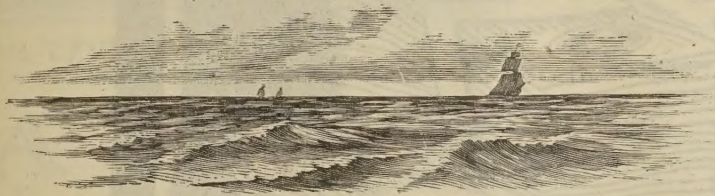
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